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Diesel imports exempt from 3% charge

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 27 — The government has exempted diesel imports from a 3 per cent customs duty charge, an official statement said here Sunday.

The statement, published in the official gazette *Um Al Qura*, said Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani reported to a cabinet meeting that local consumption "has surpassed domestic production."

"The surge in diesel consumption compelled Petromin to import to cover the deficit," Price differentials and domestic transportation costs incurred "heavy losses on Petromin," the statement added.

Oil by-products are subsidized by the government and the 3 per cent duty charge and other charges on oil by-products are not recoverable from the consumer, it said.

The statement said other imported oil products also are exempted from the customs duties.

It said diesel fuel, officially priced at 3.5 halalas for retail and 7 halalas for wholesale, was being sold below cost, which led to "heavy losses" by Petromin.

The losses, it added, were incurred because of the price differentials and local transportation costs.

"For this reason, the minister requested the exemption of diesel and oil products from customs duties," it said.

Premium gasoline had been exempt from customs duties, and "other oil products destined for local consumption also have been exempted by the ministerial decree to avoid future emergencies," the statement said.

According to recent estimates, domestic consumption of petroleum products increases by 35 per cent annually. Before the report that diesel consumption has outstripped domestic production, the Kingdom had an equivalent production and consumption rate of 500,000 barrels per day.

Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher in an interview with *Saudi Business* magazine, said Petromin is handling "about 1 million barrels a day" of domestically refined and externally contracted oil for export refining.

He said the domestic consumption rate is not expected to slow down in the near future from its 30 per cent annual growth rate, which he said is one limiting factor to expanding the Kingdom's export refining capacity.

He said predictions for consumption in 1989 are for "more than 1.5 million barrels per day." He added that the figure includes consumption of gas liquids as well. Domestic consumption, until recently, has not been considered a significant factor in the total oil picture. In 1970, for example, consumption was below 50,000 barrels daily.

Iraq plane captured over Iran province

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 27 (AP) — Iranian Air Force jet fighters intercepted a propeller-driven Iraqi aircraft that violated Iranian air space Sunday and forced it to land at Susangerd in Iran's southern Khuzestan province, the official Iranian Press news agency reported.

An Iranian Air Force announcement said the six crew members of the Iraqi plane were arrested and the aircraft was impounded by Iranian officials, Pars added.



CALLS ON KING: Interior Minister Chuang-hsun Chin calls on King Khaled in Riyadh Sunday. The minister arrived in the Kingdom Thursday on an eight-day visit.



CONTRACT: Riyadh Governor Prince Salman signs an SR 608 million contract with a representative of Keang Nam company of South Korea for the construction of three hospitals.

S. Koreans win SR608m contract

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 27 — Keang Nam of South Korea has won a SR608 million contract to build three hospitals for a charitable organization in Mecca, Riyadh and Medina.

The contract was signed here Sunday by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman who is also chairman of the Islamic Charitable Society.

The society was founded last year by a number of people led by Sheikh Saif Abdul-Kamel, a leading businessman and entrepreneur.

It aims at building hospitals and schools in Saudi Arabia and Islamic countries and communities. Prince Salman opened the donation drive by giving an SR40 million plot of land in Medina, while Sheikh Kamel gave away SR40 million in cash.

"The hospitals will be managed by a board of directors drawn from residents of Mecca, Riyadh and Medina."

During the first few months of its life, the society received SR230 million in cash in addition to plots of land in various parts of the country. There have been few donations lately.

Prince Salman has said the King Faisal Foundation donated a plot of land in Riyadh for building an institute for rehabilitation of handicapped children. He said the society will build a number of clinics where they are most needed rather than go for full scale hospitals at this stage. The clinics will be expanded or rebuilt into hospitals later on.

Soviets station N- missiles in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, April 27 (AP) — The Soviet military has brought ballistic missiles into Afghanistan, believed to carry nuclear warheads and with sufficient range to control entry into the Gulf, Indian news reports said Sunday.

The new Soviet missile capability in Afghanistan is seen as "a counterweight to the American presence in Diego Garcia," the U.S. base in the Indian Ocean, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

PTI correspondent H.N. Kaul quoted unidentified "highly placed sources" for his information that the "Soviets have equipped themselves with medium range ballistic missiles in Afghanistan."

"It is believed that these carry nuclear as well as high explosive warheads," added Kaul, who returned last Friday from an assignment of several weeks in Kabul, the Afghanistan capital.

The current issue of an Indian news magazine, *India Today*, reported meanwhile that in Kabul "diplomatic sources claim that the Soviets have brought in intercontinental missiles and nuclear warheads."

The diplomats were not identified by nationality but the same *India Today* article by Chhotu Karadia, the magazine's managing editor, said that in Kabul "the Indian embassy is the best informed."

Kaul and Karadia, who is a British national, are believed to be the last non-Communist journalists admitted to Soviet-controlled Afghanistan which earlier this year barred American and later other Western reporters.

A Western diplomat following Afghan developments in New Delhi said he had not heard of nuclear warheads or ballistic missiles in the handlocked South Asian country.

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U.S. 'trespasses limits'; ministry urges restraint

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — The government of Saudi Arabia Sunday officially expressed "deep anxiety and strong regret" concerning the United States' military action to free the 50 American hostages being held in Iran.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman reading a statement Sunday evening said the attempt was inconsistent with international law, and by resorting to force, the United States has transgressed the admissible limits of international behavior.

The Kingdom, according to the statement, views the American action as an affront to "the sovereignty of the countries of the area" and as jeopardizing the area's security and stability.

The Kingdom urges the United States and Iran to exercise self-restraint and use wisdom in resolving the hostage situation and in restoring normal relations between the two countries, the spokesman said.

Following is the full text of the government statement:

"In accordance with the principles and objectives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the decisions of the extraordinary meeting of the conference of Islamic foreign ministers in Islamabad that affirmed its vital interests in the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran, its security and its political independence; and the desire to resolve the problems existing between Iran and the United States with peaceful methods — the Saudi Arabian government views the action taken by the U.S. in Iran with grave concern and sorrow, and being an act that violates the principles of international law."

"The Saudi Arabian government considers the use of force by the U.S. beyond admissible limits in international actions."

"The government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia feels that such an action — at the present circumstances of the area which is characterized by a high level of tension — is a matter with undesirable dimensions and consequences for the sovereignty of the countries of the area and jeopardizes its security and stability."

"Hence, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia urges the United States of America and the Islamic Revolutionary Republic of Iran to exercise self-restraint and use wisdom in reaching the desired solution aimed at freeing the hostages and restoring normal conditions between the two countries, in conformity with the principles and objectives of the United Nations and the principles of international law."

Meanwhile, the government of Oman strongly denied any advance knowledge of the United States' intention to free its hostages by force. Oman had nothing to do with the "adventure" in any manner, according to a statement issued in Kuwait Sunday.

The statement, made by the Omani Embassy in Kuwait, denied allegations attributed to the Iranian ambassador to Kuwait,

Dr. Shams Ali Ardakani, claiming that some American aircraft had taken off from Omani territory on their way to Iran.

"The government and people of Oman have great affection for the Islamic Republic of Iran, and its people and are proud of the bonds that hold the two countries together," the statement said. It said Oman will have nothing to do with any act that might hurt or offend Iran or interfere in its affairs.

Oman has no secret agreements with the United States, it added.

In Damascus Iran's foreign minister threatened Sunday that his government would "blow up the Straits of Hormuz and burn the entire Gulf" region in the event of an American invasion of Iran.

"We hold the United States responsible for any such impetuous action," Sadegh Ghotbzadeh told a press conference here, at the end of a two-day visit and talks with Syrian officials on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-U.S. crisis. "We also will shoulder our responsibility if attacked."

In other reactions European diplomats assembling in Luxembourg for summit talks have reported that America's failed bid has undercut prospects for a political solution — but they resolved to go on trying without delay.

They said dispersal of the 50 captives at the U.S. Embassy by Iranian militants virtually precludes any new rescue attempt short of a full-scale invasion of the country.

The underlying mood of the Europeans is

that the Iranian crisis demands a revival of old world solidarity and trans-Atlantic unity. "This is no time for throwing stones at each other," a French official said.

"Any disposition to criticize President Carter should be considered against the reaction that would have followed a successful rescue operation," a senior British authority observed.

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has sent U.S. President Jimmy Carter a telegram expressing his "deepest condolences" over the loss of eight lives in the aborted attempt.

Addressing the president as "Dear Jimmy," Schmidt said, "The news that this illegal hostage-taking has claimed eight lives has filled me with dismay and sorrow. The families of the lost ones deserve our sympathy."

Algeria said the U.S. rescue effort was "a provocation launched against the sovereignty, independence and security" of Iran. The official news agency said the Algerian Foreign Ministry viewed the operation as "a grave threat to world peace and security" and reaffirmed its "solidarity and support" for Iran.

Japan's Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said Sunday he will ask Carter to refrain from taking military action to free the hostages when he meets with the president in Washington May 1.

Ohira, speaking to reporters in Nagoya, central Japan, added that he was surprised at Thursday's aborted rescue attempt.

Netherlands coronation brings out discontent in just about everyone

THE HAGUE, April 27 (AFP) — Coronations, like weddings, are supposed to be happy occasions. But discontent is much in evidence as the Dutch capital prepares to enthronize its new queen, Beatrix, on Wednesday.

The idea of moving to The Hague does not at all please the three sons of the future Queen, they told a television interviewer. Crown Prince Willem-Alexander, aged 13 today, and his brothers Johan Friso, 11, and Constantijn, 10, interviewed at the castle in Drakenstein which they will leave this week, said: "We have good parents, but we don't see enough of them."

Eight members of parliament have been criticized by the government for their refusal to attend Wednesday's ceremonies. "Other prospective members said they did not wish to spend the whole day in formal dress for an affair without interest."

Young leftists circulated the slogan, "Better Beatrix Than Luns," referring to former Foreign Minister Joseph Luns, now secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and a figure of controversies here.

The young Socialists organization have distributed political slogan-bearing stickers designed to be stuck on coins over the queen's image. Queen Juliana's half-brother Albrecht Lieke, 61-year-old son of Queen Juliana's father, Prince Hendrik — was ignored by the protocol department and is unhappy about it.

Many prison inmates have carried out hunger strikes to protest the government's refusal to grant amnesties for the coronation. Two unmarried members of Amsterdam's municipal council protested to members of the senate that they were only issued invitations for one, and could not bring a companion.

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Council to discuss improvement

Prince Naif to open university talks

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif will open the 13th session of the Council of Arab Universities Union in Medina Thursday on behalf of Crown Prince Faisal.

The rector of Medina's Islamic University, Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayid, Sunday said the council will discuss improving Arab universities. Proposals by rectors of member universities will be reviewed. Present and future issues regarding Arab universities will also be discussed.

The council's session will last three days. Meanwhile, the deputy minister of higher education for administrative and financial affairs, Tami Hadief Al-Buqri, met with the Chinese universities delegation now visiting the Kingdom. Discussions dealt with promoting cultural and scientific cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Taiwan and an inspection of educational progress in the Kingdom.

The Chinese delegation had visited earlier in the day the museum of the Faculty of Arts, the animal museum of the Faculty of Sciences and the central library of Riyadh University.

The rector of Riyadh University, Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, Sunday received Dr. Harold Hoshler, president of the American univer-

Prince Talal in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, April 27 (SPA) — Prince Talal, the brother of King Khalid, proposed to Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq the establishment of a Pakistani committee to coordinate with UNICEF.

The committee is being established immediately.

Prince Talal was recently appointed United Nations Assistant Secretary General for UNICEF affairs and is on a two-day visit to Pakistan to acquaint himself with child welfare problems and programs there.

Addressing a press conference here Sunday, the prince said UNICEF is particularly concerned with Afghan children who have taken refuge in Pakistan after the Soviet invasion of their country.

The committee will be headed by Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the country's finance minister, with whom he discussed priorities in regard to some UNICEF programs in Pakistan before holding the press conference.

Prince Talal also visited King Faisal mosque for which construction had cost \$25 million and said that a mosque anywhere in the world is the symbol of Islamic unity and solidarity.

He said that UNICEF is endeavoring to rebuild and re-unite the family represented by the mother and the son and reducing the death rate among children without distinction of race, color or creed.

sity in Beirut and discussed cooperation between the two universities. Hoshler is visiting Saudi Arabia currently.

In Doha, Dr. Rida Obeid, director of the national Saudi Arabian science and technology center, opened a session on a cooling system working with solar energy Sunday. The three day session in which ten Saudi Arabian

and U.S. lecturers will take part is held at the lecture hall of the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran.

The experts will give lectures on cooling with the use of solar energy. The session is part of the education aspect of the solar energy agreement signed between the Kingdom and the United States.

Saudi Comment

By Dr. Khadir Al-Shibani
Al Medina

The question we ought to face with a realistic attitude is whether the Western media deal with the issues of the Third World with so much indifference that it often leads to scorn and recklessness?

A characteristic feature of the Western media is their duplicity in principles. While they speak about the human rights they only mean the right of a Jew to resist the authorities of his hometown in Russia, regardless of the fact that there are several minorities in the Soviet Union who suffer, as the Jews do, from a despotic regime and a dominating intelligence machinery.

When the Western media mobilize their enormous potential to investigate the sufferings of mankind, their main concern is to magnify the woes of the Jews at the hands of Nazi Germany and during the World Wars from which the Arabs, the Africans and the Asians have also suffered. They deduce from their exaggeration that the Jews are in dire need of a secure home.

Seldom do they care that the Palestinians living in the open and the Iranian who has suffered the flogging by the previous regime can also claim human rights. Their cry over the plight of mankind reaches its peak when they speak about the commando activities, describing them as saboteurs and terrorists, wailing over the "innocent" Jews and offering prayers

so that peace should dawn over the "promised" land!

But their feeling of human suffering dies down as soon as they are compelled to break the news of Israel shooting down a Libyan civilian plane and its Arab victims.

I feel convinced that the prime urge behind this duplicity stems from their scorn of everything that is alien to their civilization, their life and their philosophies. Their wantonness grows with the failure of the Third World countries to establish their identity and impose their rights.

The Jews imposed their identity and ideas on the West, but not with ease and facility. It was the result of their perseverance, resolve and planning for a long time. By virtue of their dual personality and knowledge of the ways of dominating the West, the Jews succeeded in winning their sympathy and convincing them of their views and ideas.

In consequence, the Western media see a romantic picture of accomplishments in Israel which, they think, rehabilitated the desert and introduced the Western civilization in a region that was stripped of the radiance of urbanity. At the same time, the Western media think that Arabs are a people who were poverty-stricken and ignorant in the past and are caught between pomp and prodigality at present. In both cases, they find the Arabs incapable of adopting serious stances or imposing their identity.

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Sulayyil	39	23
Abha	27	15



Dr. Abdo Yamani

Abdo Yamani to hold talks with scholars

JEDDAH, April 27 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani will hold a dialogue Wednesday evening at Mecca Cultural Club to discuss various stages of education.

Dr. Yamani will meet with men of letters, intellectuals, journalists and lecturers at King Abdul Aziz University. He will also discuss the identity of the present generations.

Meanwhile, the Higher Council of Information, meeting under Dr. Yamani Saturday evening discussed the ways and means of familiarizing the outside world in the best possible manner with the Kingdom's Arab, Islamic and international policies.

The council agreed the information media should put more emphasis on Saudi Arabia's accomplishments in the various fields. A detailed discussion was also held on the importance of outward bound information.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, deputy minister of information and secretary general of the council, said discussions also dealt with the correct image to be disseminated about Islam and the means of countering the vilification campaign launched by the enemy's of Islam to give a wrong picture of Islamic society.

The official said that the council also reviewed the council's by-laws already approved by the King.

Clinics face inspection

JEDDAH, April 27 (SPA) — A ministry of health medical team will visit the hospital and clinics in Baha, and hospitals in Taif run by the ministry. The delegation will be led by Dr. Abbas Hamza Marzouki, general director of health in the Western Region.

The hospital of Baha has 356 beds, separate housing building for the workers and it is equipped with advanced medical devices.

Experts to prepare treaties for Arab economic ventures

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — Arab experts will begin meeting Tuesday in Riyadh to prepare for the Arab Investment and Arab Commercial Exchange treaties, sources announced Sunday.

Delegates from 21 states and six Arab organizations specializing in joint Arab economic activities are to participate in the deliberations.

The Saudi side will be led by Muhammad Al-Suqair, vice-chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development.

The draft treaties will be placed before the Arab League Economic Council in its 29th session, which will be held in Tunis Sept. 8.

When the draft treaty for Arab investment was submitted to the Arab League Economic Council last Feb., some states had put forward their observations, upon which some of

its clauses had been re-formulated.

Under this treaty, a congenial atmosphere is planned for the movement of Arab capital investments with necessary guarantees and facilities. It will replace several previous treaties no longer suitable to present conditions.

In regard to the treaty for commercial exchange, the Arab League Economic Council had earlier issued resolutions on a collective commercial treaty among the Arab states, with a view to facilitating and developing commercial exchange and replacing the earlier treaty signed in December, 1953.

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Chiu meets Anqari for labor talks

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari discussed labor cooperation and manpower training with visiting Chinese Minister of Interior Chuang-huan Chiu Sunday.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar and Muhammad Al-Faiz, the deputy minister for social affairs and labor respectively.

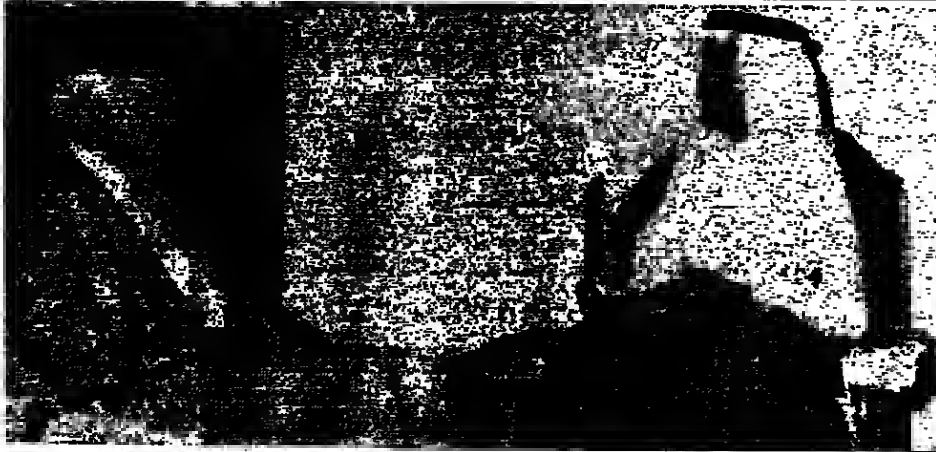
At noon, Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasil entertained Chiu at lunch.

On Saturday evening, Interior Minister Prince Naif gave a dinner at Riyadh Water Tower in honor of Chiu and his delegation.

Dammam inspects food

DAMMAM, April 27 (SPA) — The Quality Control Laboratory of Dammam examined 9,565 types of foodstuffs and perfumes during the last three months. Of this, 13 per cent were rejected for not fulfilling the specifications put on the badge and three per cent for being improper for human use.

The director of the Quality Control Laboratory, Ahmad Alawi Qassem, Sunday said the laboratory has examined 772 types of reinforcement bars. Four types were rejected for being inconsistent with the specifications.



VISIT: Governor of Makkah Prince Majed receives a courtesy visit from American Ambassador John West.

BRIEFS

AL MUZANNAB, April 27 (SPA) — Governor of Qasim Prince Abdul Ilah ibn Abdul Aziz Saturday evening attended a grand ceremony given by the people of Qasim and residents of Al-Muzannab to welcome him as their new governor.

JEDDAH, April 27 — A combined exhibition, symposium and conference entitled "Saudi Arabia in the 80's" will be held at the Jeddah Meridian Hotel from November 30 to December 3. About 200 companies and organizations in the United Kingdom and other countries have made inquiries into the show, according to IC Expo of London.

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — Ahli won the volleyball championship Saturday night by

beating Hilal in three of the five parts of the match. Ahli defeated its rival team 11-15, 15-7, 9-15, 15-6 and 15-13.

AHSA, April 27 (SPA) — Wheat farms recorded a new high by producing 350 kilograms per donum, Muhammad Al-Babtain, director general of the irrigation project board of Ahsa said Sunday. He added that the board undertook free mechanical harvesting of 500 donums of the wheat crop as an incentive for farmers.

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Maghreb	6.48	6.52	6.22
Isha	8.17	8.22	7.52

Tea Board to promote ice tea drink

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH, April 27 — The Tea Board of India and the Indian Embassy are cooperating to organize a Food Fair at which they will introduce iced tea to the country and raise funds for the Indian School building.

The festival, to be held 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, April 28, was prompted by a general market study showing the high consumption of cold drinks in the Kingdom. As a result, the idea of holding an Indian Tea festival took shape.

However, Mrs. Hafiza, wife of the Indian Ambassador, thought it might be a good idea to hold a food festival instead, which besides promoting iced tea, could also raise funds for the school building.

Once the idea took form, the past few weeks Mrs. Hafiza, with the help of Mrs. Bahli Sharma, the Counsellor's wife, and other embassy wives and personnel have been busy planning for the event.

The main attraction at the Food Fair will be a sampling of iced tea prepared before the audience. Besides the spicy food cooked by embassy wives and Indian cooks, there will be Indian ice cream, pickles, papadoms, sweets and many other specialties not available in the local market, and of course, choice of Indian tea will be sold in the Bazaar.

Bimal Bose, Director of the India Tea Promotion Board, has specially come to Jeddah for the program. He said that previously, similar introductory programs for



iced tea have been held in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia and have produced favorable results. He felt that due to the hot climate almost all year round in the Kingdom, the liquid intake is fairly high and the fact that the Saudis are already fond of tea would make a cold tea drink very popular.

Bose said, "a special kind of tea is required to make a good glass of iced tea. Normal blends used for a hot cup of tea may taste alright but the color of the liquid will become cloudy and lose its attraction."

According to Bose, tea from different regions of India has been tried and tested for the purpose of making iced tea, but it was found that the tea grown in South India is particularly suited for this purpose. It is especially blended in order to avoid clouding and to produce the best results.

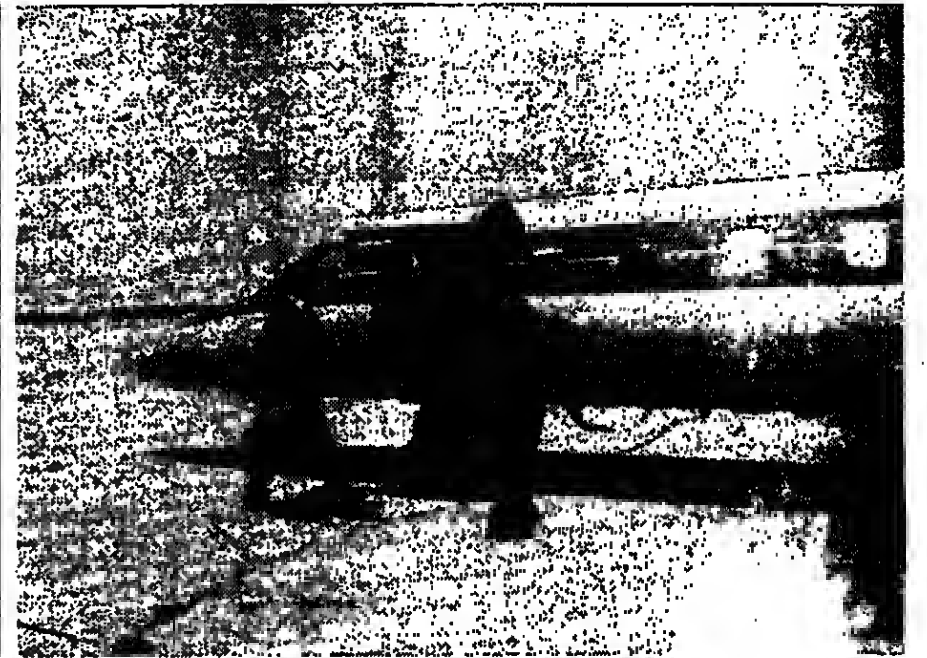
India is one of the biggest exporters of tea. Some of the best tea has been flown in for sampling at the Fair. Bimal Bose said

he is confident that the Saudis would develop a taste for iced tea since it is excellent for this year-long, sultry climate. He said "the reaction by some big importers in the Kingdom is very favorable. Negotiations have already started for us to make available, commercially quantities of a special blend required in Saudi Arabia."

Not only tea leaves but tea bags and even instant iced tea is available in India. In order to prepare good iced tea, Bose suggested that the tea liquor is to be produced double strength. For instance, if one uses one spoon of tea for a normal hot teacup, two spoons should be used for the iced tea. "This is because when added to ice it weakens automatically as the ice melts. One can add a slice of lemon, a dash of mint or a slice of orange for added taste and looks," he added.

At the Food Fair, the experts will demonstrate how the iced tea is prepared, offer a tall glass to each person interested, distribute literature and a film depicting tea will be running the entire time.

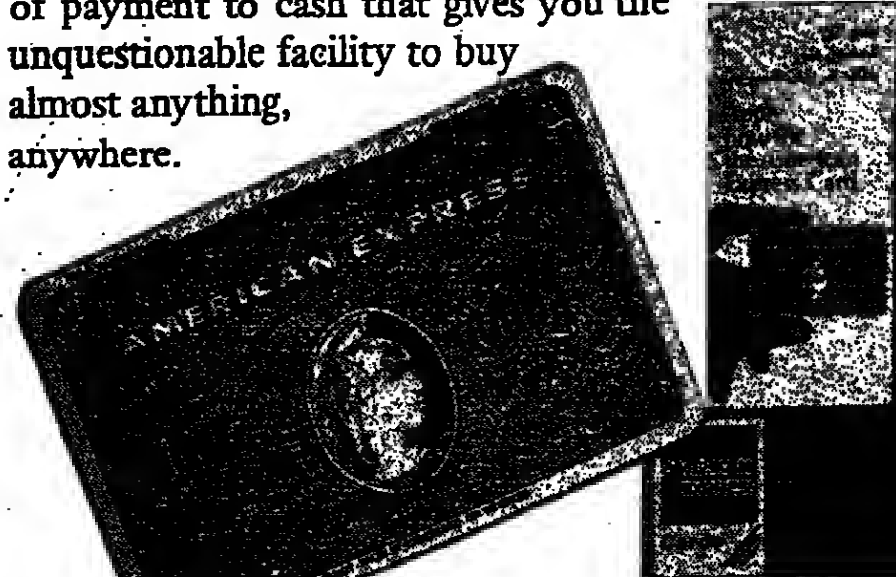
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Iraq denies reported coup against Saddam Hussein

BAGHDAD, April 27 (Agencies) — The Iraqi News Agency (INA) Sunday vehemently denied a Tehran radio report that President Saddam Hussein had been killed in a successful coup d'état.

INA said President Hussein was in perfect health and there had been no attempted coup.

The agency described the report as "stories in very poor taste and clearly dismissed by facts", adding that "those who govern Iran

Ghotbzadeh ends talks in Syria

DAMASCUS, April 27 (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh was winding up his talks Sunday with Syrian officials before leaving for Beirut on his Arab tour.

Ghotbzadeh met with President Hafez Assad until 1 a.m. local, and officials quoted the Syrian leader as reaffirming his country's continuing support for the Iranian revolutionary regime of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The meeting with Assad Saturday night was interrupted briefly when the Syrian leader hosted a dinner in honor of his Iranian guest. The two men then resumed their discussions of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-U.S. crisis.

Shortly after sundown Sunday, Ghotbzadeh and his Syrian counterpart Abdul Halim Khaddam held their second round of formal talks.

Qaddafi serves 'last warning' to foes

PARIS, April 27 (AFP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi Saturday gave a "last warning" to "survivors of the old regime living abroad" to return home immediately or "be liquidated," according to radio Tripoli, Sunday morning here.

Qaddafi addressing cadets at the military academy, said that Libyans living abroad should "immediately report to 'people's bureaus' (diplomatic missions) and their return will be facilitated."

"It is their last hope," he said. "Either

IMF's talks in Turkey inconclusive

ANKARA, April 27 (R) — An International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation left Ankara suddenly Saturday and business sources said they had failed to reach agreement with the government on measures to help Turkey's struggling economy.

The sources said the delegation's departure after more than a fortnight's negotiations was a surprise since the talks were moving into a crucial phase.

have no notion of the modern world; they are charlatans who lie quite shamelessly."

Accusing the Iranian leadership of fabricating false reports, the agency said: "Those who are ruling Iran, beginning with their crazy leader down to the last turbaned mullah are dreaming and trying to convince others their sick dreams are true."

"The worst thing about this is that they want to carry the rest of the world into the unreal world that they inhabit," INA said.

Iraqi officials in Geneva and Belgrade also denied the Tehran radio report.

"I have just been in contact with Baghdad," said Munther Ahmad Al-Mutlak, Iraq's United Nations ambassador in Geneva, Switzerland. "The report that our president has been killed is an Iranian lie. It is just not true."

In Washington, the State Department said it knew nothing about any coup in Iraq beyond unconfirmed media reports.

Monitors in London listening to Baghdad radio said the government station had broadcast nothing unusual and was playing music.

Tehran radio said travelers crossing into Iran from Iraq on Sunday told Iranian revolutionary guardsmen at the border of the alleged coup. They gave no details and the radio offered no elaboration.

Iraq and Iran have been fighting a war of words for months that escalated into sporadic border fighting earlier this month. The two countries are feuding over ideology and territorial claims. Iran has repeatedly called for Saddam Hussein's ouster.

they return to Libya where they will be safe and sound or they will be liquidated wherever they are."

(Two prominent opponents of the Libyan regime were shot dead recently in London.) Qaddafi added that the resignation of Prime Minister Hedi Nouria in Tunisia, which does not have good relations with Libya, had opened a new era.

A page has been turned and a new one is to be written. The traditional conflict has ended," he said.

The IMF has given no details of the talks and Turkish Finance Ministry and Central Bank officials were not available for comment. The main purpose of the talks had been to work out a new standby credit agreement for the year starting in June. Banking sources said Turkey hoped for at least \$300 million for the year, followed by at least as much for the following two years.



Saddam Hussein

Autonomy talks resume amid gloomy signs

CAIRO, April 27 (AFP) — With the closing round of against-the-clock talks on Palestinian autonomy scheduled to open at Herzliya, Israel, later Sunday observers here expected them to yield little tangible results.

As one senior Egyptian government official told AFP: "In 11 months of talks, the Israelis have conceded nothing, either to ourselves or to President Carter. So it would take a miracle... for us to succeed in these final three weeks."

His disheartened words echoed the view of many in the Egyptian administration, who have noted further complications these past weeks on the already confused autonomy-negotiations scene.

The existing chasm between the Egyptian and Israeli viewpoints over eventual Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza territories has been appreciably widened by various negative statements and gestures recently.

The Egyptians feel President Carter has given up all hope of prevailing on the present Israeli government to take a more flexible stance in the talks.

This feeling stems in good measure from statements by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to the effect that Carter had at no time called for a halt to further Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

Another negative factor was the invitation by the White House to Israeli leader of the opposition Shimon Peres — extended even before Begin had concluded his Washington visit.

And if that was not enough, it was promptly followed up by Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's call for snap elections.

Assuredly it would be a heavy blow for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to see the tripartite autonomy negotiations end in final deadlock at the May 26 deadline for their wind-up. It would corroborate the many critics who predicted ultimate failure for the Camp David agreements.

110,000 Soviet troops keep Karmal government in power

NEW DELHI, April 27 (R) — Afghanistan Sunday completed two years under Marxist rule with a new flag and constitution — and with an estimated 110,000 Soviet troops in the country supporting the government of President Babrak Karmal.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported from Kabul that the Soviet military contingent in Afghanistan was believed to be backed by 5,000 tanks and armored personnel carriers as well as aircraft and medium range ballistic missiles.

The agency said there was conclusive evidence that napalm had been used by MiG-21 fighter aircraft in anti-insurgency operations. Earlier reports of napalm being used against the Muslim freedom fighters were officially denied in both Kabul and Moscow.

But the chemical bombs, which could be fitted to Mi-24 helicopter gunships, had not caused fatal injuries and had helped avoid mass killing in fighting or bombing operations, it said.

Foreign delegations in Kabul for the second anniversary of the April revolution, which deposed President Muhammad Daoud and brought Marxist rule to Afghanistan, included one from the Soviet Union led by Communist Party secretariat member Mikhail Zymianin.

Both the new flag and provisional constitution mark what is officially portrayed as a new phase in the revolution that began on Dec. 27 when Karmal took power in a Soviet-backed coup.

Confronted with a widespread rebellion,

the new regime adopted a conciliatory approach in hope of winning support from Afghans who resent Soviet military presence in their country.

The new flag, which Karmal unfurled at the Khana-i-Khalq (People's House) palace in Kabul last Monday, is a compromise between Marxism and Islam. The new national emblem, replacing an all-red banner, has equal horizontal stripes in red, black and green, the color of Islam.

A temporary constitution guarantees defense of Islam and complete freedom of religion — a break with former President Hafizullah Amin's rule and that of his ousted Marxist predecessor Nur Muhammad Taraki. But the constitution says no one is entitled to use Islam for "anti-national, anti-people and anti-freedom propaganda" — a reference to Islamic rebels. The government claims they are not genuine Muslims because disorder is alien to Islam.

Under the constitution announced earlier this month, the country's Revolutionary Council will act as legislative body until necessary conditions are created for convening a loyal Jirgah (parliament).

Karmal heads the Revolutionary Council and government as well as the ruling People's Democratic Party and armed forces.

Little is known about military operations against Muslim and other insurgents. U.S. government officials this month estimated 1,400 Soviets have been killed since last December. But neither Moscow nor Kabul issues casualty reports.



Babrak Karmal

In a message of congratulations to Karmal this weekend, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexi Kosygin said the Soviet Union fully associated itself with the Afghan people's attempts to "repel continuing aggressive actions and interference by imperialist and reactionary forces."

Sadat to open Sinai-Nile tunnel

CAIRO, April 27 (AFP) — The first tunnel under the Suez Canal linking Sinai with the Nile Delta is to be opened on Wednesday by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

The five kilometers tunnel will have a capacity of 2,000 vehicles an hour in both directions.

It has been built 17 kilometers north of Suez city. Work began in 1975, and four other tunnels are due to be dug beneath the canal.

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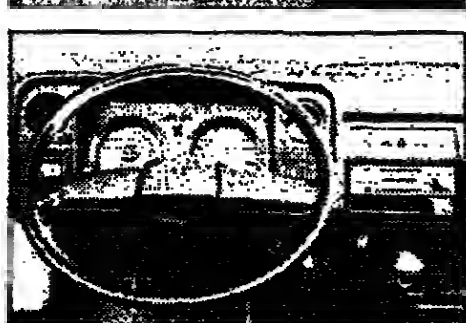
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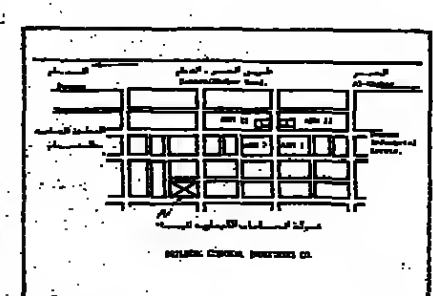
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Boycott move grows; NOCs hold future

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 27 (AP) — One month to go before the May 24 deadline for entering the Moscow Olympics, and still nobody can predict how many nations will be there.

Very few national Olympic committees, apart from that of the United States, have committed themselves to a boycott. Many are under pressure from their governments to do so.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), trying to entice as many countries to the games as possible, has said teams may depart from tradition and need not carry their national flags in the parade.

That may seem a small point, but it could make all the difference to those national Olympic committees (NOCs) still wavering. If they don't have to dip the national flag in salute before Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev at the opening ceremony, their governments might be appeased. It would seem less like an endorsement of the Soviet military operation in Afghanistan.

The government of Puerto Rico already has made this point. It said it will not try to stop Puerto Rican athletes from going as long as they do not use the Puerto Rico flag.

So the world waits for replies by the NOCs of Australia, New Zealand, West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Japan — all potentially major contenders in an Olympic games.

In each, the government has called for a boycott and the NOC has still to decide.

In Montreal Saturday, Canada's Olympic Association decided to support the government boycott of the Moscow games but said it would still select a team just in case "the international situation improves."

In Europe, the NOCs of Britain, Sweden, Finland, Austria and Greece have said their athletes will compete. Of course, all the Eastern European countries, allies of the Soviet Union, will be there.

The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, which staged a massive walkout at the Montreal Olympics in 1976, has said all its members will be in Moscow — only Kenya and Zaire have rebelled and joined the boycott.

Here are some key dates in the next few weeks when important decisions can be expected:

May 3. Western European NOCs meet in Rome to try to unite on a common approach. Some, like the British, have disregarded government advice and have said their athletes will go. Others incline toward bowing to government policy.

May 15. The West German NOC plans to make its decision. Whatever it does, other European committees may well follow.

May 24. Deadline for entries.



WHEELCHAIR WINNER: Carl Brinkman of Provo, Utah, raises his arms in victory after crossing the finish line to win the wheelchair division of the Boston Marathon last week.

2nd fastest marathon record set

AMSTERDAM, April 27 (R) — Gerard Nijboer of the Netherlands ran the second fastest marathon in history Saturday, covering the traditional distance of 26 miles 385 yards (42.195 kilometres) in two hours, nine minutes and one second to win an international race here.

Nijboer's time is second only to the 2:08:34 run by Australian Derek Clayton in Antwerp 11 years ago. Shigeru Suu of Japan, who has run 2:09:06 now is relegated to the third fastest marathon man in history.

Nijboer finished more than three minutes ahead of Hungarian Ferenc Szekeres, Jose

Spassky, Portisch hold tie-breaker

MEXICO CITY, April 27 (AP) — Grand-masters Boris Spassky and Lajos Portisch continued drawn Saturday in an extra, two-game mini-series for the Candidates World Chess Tournament quarter-finals. The draw came after 17 moves, after Spassky, holding whites, opened with a Sicilian defense.

Spassky, a former world champion of the Soviet Union, and Portisch, who is from Hungary, tied 5-5 in the 10-game series. Each win counts one point and each draw

half. The tie Saturday set them back to half a point each.

The two grand-masters meet again today, and whoever wins goes on to the semi-finals. However, a draw will require that they play another two-game mini-series.

Even though Spassky had only used 50 minutes of his regulation 2 1/2-hours for 40 moves, he suggested a draw after it seemed he had little likelihood of besting Portisch. The Hungarian, lacking a superiority in position, agreed.

Revelin of Belgium was third. With nine miles (15 kilometres) gone, a group of eight runners headed the pack. Another three miles (five kilometers) further on the number of leaders had been reduced to five — Nijboer, Szekeres, Revelin, Dutchman Cor Vriend and Masao Matsuo of Japan.

Nijboer then burst clear at the halfway mark and never again was challenged.

The course took competitors from Amsterdam to Amstelveen, near Schiphol International Airport, and back. Start and finish were on the Main Dam Square of the Dutch capital.

Borg meets Solomon in Grand Prix finals

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, April 27 (AP) — Top-seeded Bjorn Borg and sixth-seeded Harold Solomon took different routes Saturday to the finals of the \$300,000 Grand Prix of Tennis tournament at Caesars Palace.

Borg, of Sweden, had all he could handle in defeating third-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, while Solomon had no trouble in whipping eighth-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-1.

Borg and Solomon met for the singles championship and the top prize of \$60,000 Sunday. Results of the championship were unavailable. The loser will earn \$30,000.

Borg needed two hours and 30 minutes for his victory, while Solomon required only about an hour to put away the 20-year-old Lendl, who held service just once in the match.

Solomon prevented a Borg-McEnroe final by upsetting No. 2 seed McEnroe in Friday's quarterfinals 6-4, 6-1, and continued his excellent play Saturday.

"I was hitting the ball very good from the beginning," Solomon said. "He (Lendl) didn't seem to know what to do, whether to come in or stay back. He was very undecided."

Solomon said his record against Borg is 0-13.

"Maybe he'll get food poisoning," joked Solomon. "Seriously, I have never seen anybody play Borg in the backcourt and win."

Borg said he is glad that in the finals he

would not have to face 1979 U.S. Open champion John McEnroe, who also plays Borg tough and sometimes beats the Swede.

Borg has a 17-0 record against Gerulaitis. A four-time Wimbledon champion, Borg pulled out the first set despite losing the first four games. Gerulaitis won a hard-fought second set. But at the decisive close of the third set, Borg won three straight games including two service breaks.

In the second set, Gerulaitis broke Borg when the Swede double-faulted twice in the sixth game — the only service break of the set.

But in the third set, Gerulaitis discarded the hard, overspin shots that had kept him even. He started hitting underspin, short balls

and drop shots trying to bring Borg to the net — but when the quick Borg got to the ball he hit a bunch of winners.

Borg broke service in the second game. Gerulaitis broke back in the fifth game and then Borg took over. The Swede's breakthrough in the sixth game was aided by some Gerulaitis' unforced errors including an easy-looking backhand overhead on break point. A Gerulaitis double-fault contributed to another Borg victory in the final game.

"The most important point was in the third set when it was 3-2," Borg said. "He missed an easy backhand volley."

"We both know each other's games so well. We practice together almost every day," Borg said.

Air France Open nears finals

By Maurice Lamb

JEDDAH, April 27 — Saturday was a rest day for most of the players in the Air France Open Tennis Tournament being held in Jeddah. Only three matches were held, and these saw No. 3 seeded Paddy Rogan beat Michael Vercoiglio 6-2, 6-2, to take his place in the last 16 quarterfinalists. The other two matches brought victories for Janet Boreham and her partner Eric Madison, and Jenny Smith and her partner Malcolm Clark in the mixed doubles.

The rest of Saturday evening was left free for players to compete on behalf of their own teams in the Jeddah League, which is staged every Saturday evenings.

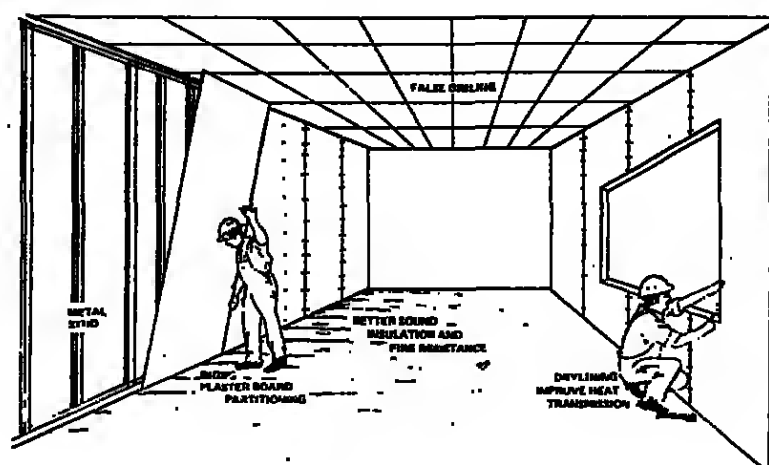
These are the results of Saturday's matches:

Paddy Rogan beat Michael Vercoiglio, 6-2, 6-2.

Janet Boreham & Eric Madison beat Carol & Alan James, 6-4, 6-2.

Jenny Smith & Malcolm Clark beat Jane Howe & Don Clark, 6-4, 6-1.

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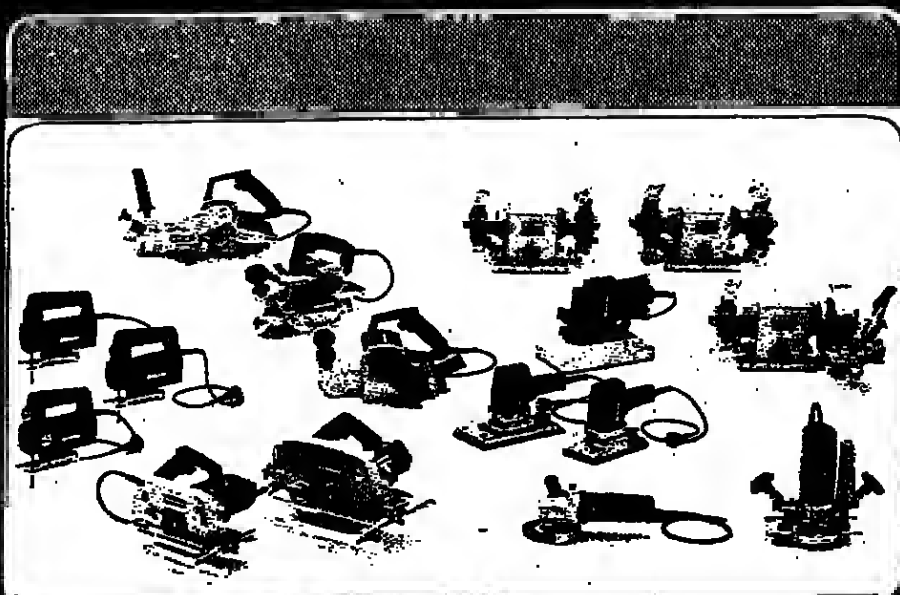
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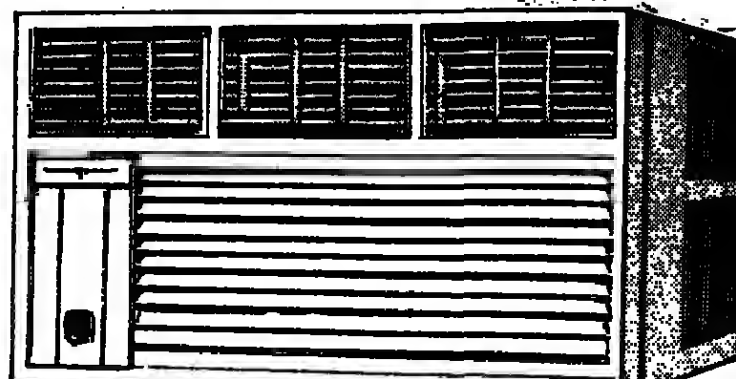
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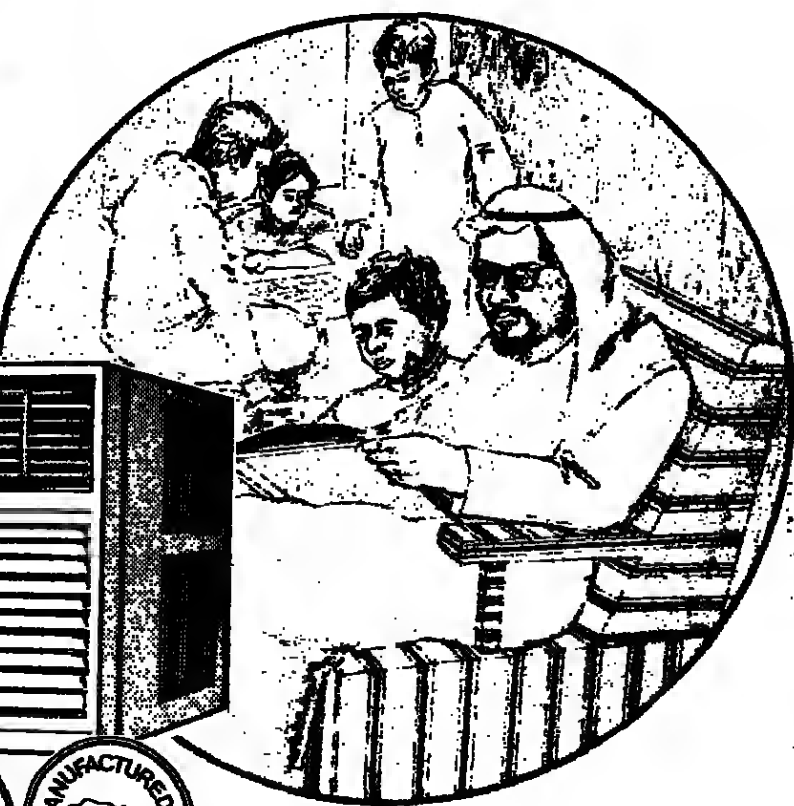
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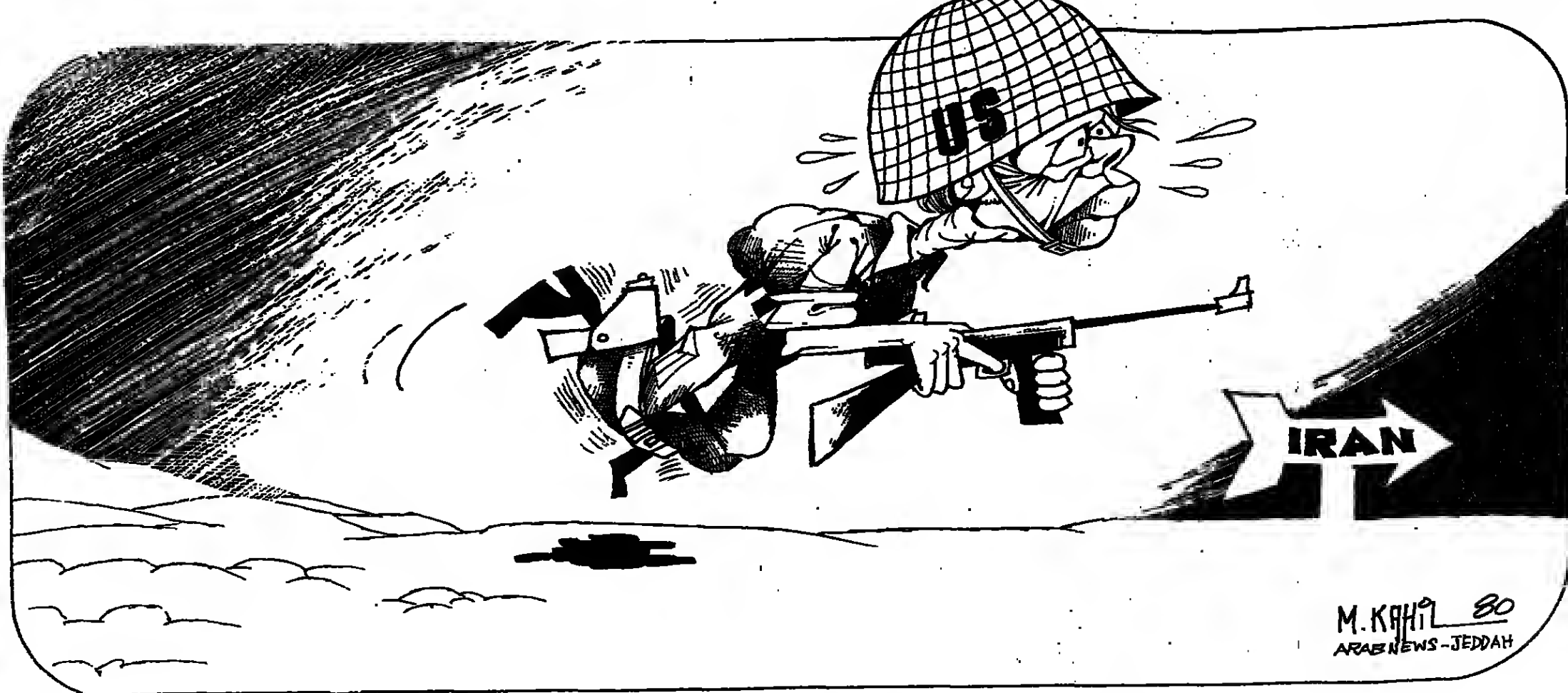
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West Germany's 'social time bomb'

By Bradley Graham

WEST BERLIN — The writing on the Berlin Wall has changed, from German epithets against "Crazy Russians" to Turkish slogans proclaiming "Freedom Fighters." It is a sign of the unrest stirring in West Germany's Turkish ghettos. It is the voice of the other side of West Germany.

A Turkish schoolteacher, Celatin Kesin, bled to death in a street here in January, the victim of gangland-style violence that is on the rise between Turkish political sects. The death heightened fears among West German authorities of further brawling.

Berlin officials reacted swiftly, increasing the police patrols in Turkish neighborhoods and warning that more clashes would mean automatic deportation of Turkish group leaders.

For the moment an uneasy peace has been restored. But the belief persists in official circles that what the newspapers call a "social time bomb" for West Germany is ticking.

West Germany, with no tradition of absorbing vast numbers of immigrants who differ from people here physically and culturally, is not a melting pot. But in recognition of the new need to move in that direction, the West German cabinet has decided to relax naturalization requirements and improve social programs for the immigrants.

There are 4.1 million foreigners living in West Germany today, most of them swept here from southern Europe in a migratory wave of workers actively recruited by Western European countries to cover labor shortages in the 1960s and early 1970s. Foreign workers and their families in West Germany comprise about 7 per cent of the total population and about 12 per cent of the entire labor force.

They have taken many of the jobs the West Ger-

mans do not want, the menial chores. Even that classic of German autos, the Volkswagen, is frequently made by Turkish and Yugoslav workers on assembly lines where the portion of foreign workers runs as high as 85 per cent.

The problem of social integration, complicated by barriers of language and culture, is most evident with the Turks, who represent about one in four foreigners in West Germany. There are 100,000 of them in West Berlin alone.

While most of America's poor are U.S. citizens with constitutional rights and protections, West Germany's foreign workers remain outsiders.

This makes the problem all the more delicate for the federal government and a special test for the social attitudes of the West German population, unaccustomed generally to blending with other ethnic groups.

West Germany makes no pretense of being a melting pot.

"We are not an immigration country," said Gerhard Stegemann, a senior official in West Berlin's department of labor and social welfare, adding that Germany had no intention of becoming one.

Along with other Common Market countries, West Germany in 1973 banned the hiring of more foreign workers from outside the Common Market. Unemployment at the time was rising in the European Community.

European officials expected the foreign workers who had arrived before the ban to return soon to their native lands. As if to stress the point, the workers were popularly called *Gastarbeiter*, or guestworker.

But the guests have stayed, attracted by West Germany's higher wages and dissuaded from leaving by economic problems at home. Their number has actually increased slightly in the past seven years as family members have been allowed to join the workers already here.

West German officials, who for years had

regarded the Turkish community merely as a willing work force not to be assimilated into German society, have gradually accepted the necessity of an integration program.

This change was marked last autumn by the release of a federal study of foreign workers in West Germany that went far beyond previous reports in its recommendations to integrate foreigners.

Last month the West German cabinet endorsed many of the suggested measures with an aim especially toward easing integration for younger generations of foreigners who grow up in West Germany.

Naturalization requirements for them will be relaxed and special education programs started. In West Berlin, authorities adopted a catalogue of integration initiatives and ordered that 10 per cent of all new public housing be reserved for foreigners.

But West Germany still lacks a countryside policy. It will be the responsibility largely of states to implement new federal directives, and there is bound to be foot-dragging, particularly in states led by the conservative opposition Christian Democratic Party.

Foreign workers pose a special dilemma for the Germans.

"German society has never been a multiracial one, and there is a lack of wisdom about how to amalgamate," said Peter Rothhammer, a sociologist with Berlin's Institute for Urban Studies.

What integration there is in Germany has occurred at work. Foreign workers have received the right to elect representatives to company work councils, while at the same time lacking the right to elect local community representatives.

But even Turks who become West German citizens complain of widespread and blatant discrimination against them on the job, in the housing market, at school and in discotheques.

"The blond Turk has a better chance here," Hans Joachim Jankus, head of the foreign workers

branch of the Berlin Police, conceded only half jokingly.

Authorities, nonetheless, reject the suggestion that antidiscrimination legislation such as the U.S. Civil Rights Act is needed here.

"It is not a question of law but of attitudes," said Sen. Peter Ulrich, who has charge of internal security for Berlin. "What we need are not new laws but new programs."

West German attitudes are only half the story. Turks deeply resist integrating with the Germans. Coming from a culture vastly different in religion, education and the role of women, Turkish families in West Germany often shun Western ways and hold fast to naive traditions.

Berlin authorities note that more Koreans have sought West German citizenship than Turks, although there are 50 times more Turks living here.

Standing in the center of the Turkish community here — called "Little Ankara" — it is easy to forget one is in Germany. Streets have been informally given Turkish names and shops purvey flat pita bread, sheep cheese and garlic.

Women wear black veils, the smell of mutton carries through the air and dark-skinned men sit playing board games. There are Turkish songs playing on the radio and listings in the paper for Turkish dentists, midwives, driving schools and travel agents.

One travel agent is Onur Gursu, an example of a Turk who found success here. He started here as a student, worked for the consulate general and later in a travel bureau, and today owns six offices in town. But only a relatively few Turks have managed to do so well.

Because West German schools do not provide what they deem proper religious instruction, Turks have set up 133 Islamic centers that offer prayer meetings and teach the Koran. It is at these Koran schools, some Germans contend, that Turkish children are taught to hate nonbelievers. (WP)

IRANIAN RESTRAINT

As the news of the failed American attempt to release the hostages broke out, many thought that the world was driven to the very brink of an all-out war, and then only slowly edged back from it.

This view is simplistic. It is based on the supposition that the Soviet Union would be drawn in at the moment that American and Iranian weapons cross; a supposition quite without foundation. For the history of Soviet intervention shows that it is carefully limited to areas and situations where there is little likelihood of direct confrontation with the United States. The Soviets, though they certainly are cashing in on the American-Iranian crisis, know that the risks involved are enormous, and will probably act accordingly.

The Iranian leadership seems to realize this. President Bani-Sadr has said that his government will not seek Soviet aid in the event of a new escalation with the Americans. Furthermore, the Iranian reaction to the operation has been up to now markedly restrained. The offer for the unconditional return of the bodies of the soldiers killed in the operation was as humane as it was chivalrous. And, contrary to expectations, the hostages themselves will not suffer any reprisals beyond dispersal in various parts of the country.

Iranian restraint, and the hope that it will continue, will go a long way toward convincing Washington that the non-military approach to the crisis is the safest one, both for the hostages themselves and for the international community which cannot but look with the utmost apprehension at armed conflict in this crucial area for world economy and world peace. An overreaction on the part of Iran would have certainly led the Americans to try again, especially since public opinion, according to the polls, was behind the first, abortive, attempt.

White industrialists suspicious of Mugabe

By Paul Eilman

SALISBURY — An urgent request by Robert Mugabe's government to Rhodesian industrialists to help to find jobs for 60,000 men who are to be demobilized by the end of June has brought into focus the magnitude of the economic problems facing the new state of Zimbabwe.

The numbers involved are equivalent to 40 per cent of the present workforce in Rhodesian industry, and the government's cry for help is unlikely to produce much response from employers, who remain deeply suspicious of its economic intentions. "They're banking on everybody believing what they are saying now. We are counting on them not to change their tune," one Salisbury merchant banker said recently of the nervous truth which has settled on relations between the government and the private sector.

The political transformation of Mugabe and his men since their brilliant victory in the February election has been remarkable. With the new prime minister conceding that, while his ultimate goal is a socialist society, he has to deal with the realities of the capitalist present.

This present, as members of the new administration are discovering, is much more complicated

than many imagined during the years of bush warfare. "I never realized we were so self-sufficient," a newly appointed senior official remarked.

The realization that the scale and diversity of economic development achieved in Rhodesia restrict the scope for radical reforms has strengthened the hand of the technocrats in Mugabe's party against the radicals who argue for early moves toward a one-party Marxist state.

However, the same technocrats will have to produce early evidence that their strategy can fulfill the aspirations aroused by Mugabe's victory if the administration is not to fall victim to the same demands by voters as the "internal settlement" government headed by Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

To help it succeed the new government has already won pledges of aid from Western countries, especially the European Economic Community, which will grant it a freedom of maneuver that previous unrecognized administrations could only dream of.

The British Governor, Lord Soames, pointed the way when he used his network of contacts from his days as the EEC's external affairs commissioner to secure for Rhodesia virtually all the benefits of the Lome Convention soon after the return to legality. The return to legality also brought a return to

growth as a result of the improvement in the terms of trade brought about by the lifting of sanctions. Real gross domestic product is expected to grow by as much as 5 per cent this year, after a more or less break-even year in 1979 and five successive years of negative growth from 1974 to 1978.

The overall improvement in the country's economic position has meant that foreign currency allocations to industry are running 50 per cent higher than they were in the middle of last year — a sharp contrast to the situation in 1978, when reserves were so close to rock bottom that many industries were denied even the foreign exchange needed to purchase raw materials.

Despite this improvement, reflected in record earnings by the mining industry and better than expected results from agricultural and manufactured exports, the general mood in Salisbury remains one of wait-and-see, with a number of investment projects back in cold storage as a result of Mugabe's victory.

After the Rhodesian economy went into recession in 1974, the value of black incomes fell in real terms by an estimated 35 to 40 per cent. Since most urban workers managed to keep pace with inflation, this meant that the standard of living in the tribal trust lands plunged dangerously close to starvation levels.

More than any section of the black population, the rural peasantry threw their support behind Mugabe. He will now be expected to repay this in the shape of land grants and an improvement of social services in rural areas.

As Enos Nkala, the minister of finance, put it recently: "My way of thinking is that the rich must help the poor to come up, toward them so we don't have people who live in two worlds when they are living in the same country — some outrageously rich, others outrageously poor."

Zimbabwe is indeed two worlds in one country — one million workers and their dependants in the cash economy and six million people outside it. Population growth, at 3.6 per cent a year, has increased the ratio between those engaged in productive activity and those eking out a living as subsistence farmers. This is likely to remain the trend for some time unless the new government can overcome rural taboos against birth control.

Demand for more jobs and social amenities, whether schools, hospitals or homes, are thus likely to grow. Heading off the crisis of expectation created by the burgeoning population can be expected to become a permanent aspect of government in Zimbabwe. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Most Sunday newspapers with details of America's abortive military attempt on Iran, reporting that the hostages have been spread over a number of Iranian towns and a state of general mobilization has been announced throughout the country. In a lead story, *Okaz* reported that some American senators and congressmen are asking President Jimmy Carter to withdraw from the presidential race. The leaders want to conduct an inquiry into the abortive military venture. *Al Medina* played as its lead Mecca Governor Prince Majed's reaffirmation that Islam can regain its past glory only through Koran-oriented education.

Al Riyadh frontpaged Arab League Secretary General Chadi Kubi's fears that the American military action might affect Arab security. King Hussein's brief visit to Riyadh Sunday to discuss the international and Arab situation

with the Saudi leadership appeared prominently on the front page of *Al Jazirah*. *Okaz* highlighted Interior Minister Prince Naif's statement that there are numerous opportunities for cooperation with the Republic of China.

Al Medina gave front-page treatment to the signing of an agreement on the SR3.6 billion petrochemical plant by Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of Industry and electricity and chairman of the board of directors of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Howard Kauffmann, president of Exxon Corporation of America. The denunciation of the American military action in Iran by Kuwait and Bahrain was carried as a front-page story in *Al Yom* newspaper.

Some newspaper editorials further commented on the abortive U.S. military action in Iran and expressed concern over the

possible consequences of such an operation. They said it will only aggravate the crisis between the U.S. and Iran and threaten peace in the region. The editorials also urged the states of the Gulf to be on their guard and remain prepared for joint action to ensure peace and security in the region. They held the view that the military action was not the appropriate method to solve the problem of U.S. hostages in Iran.

In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* expressed the belief that the U.S. venture has only complicated the U.S.-Iranian crisis and exposed the regional peace to a grave threat. The paper added that this action has provided a golden opportunity for Moscow to enhance its activities in Afghanistan on the pretext of mounting tension in the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran triangle in particular and in the mouth of the Gulf in general. It showed more

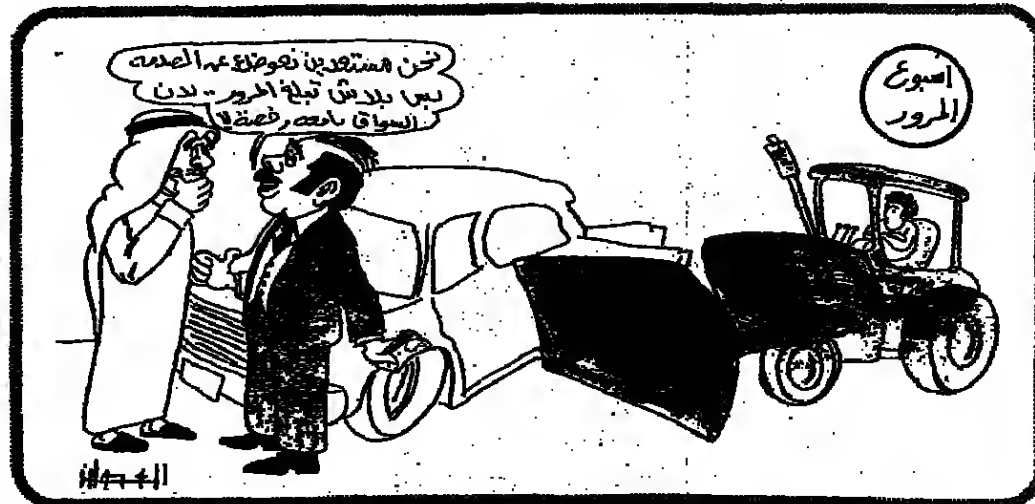
concern because the U.S. was not expected to renounce its military adventure in the future or to listen to its allies' call for restraint and return to work for diplomatic solution of the crisis.

Okaz also devoted its editorial to commenting on the same subject, urging a U.S.-Iranian dialogue to solve the hostages problem. The paper said that the problem will affect world peace especially since the Soviet Union is lying in wait for an opportunity to enter the area. That the world political forces have condemned the American action is proof enough that the military approach to any problem is only a return to the law of the jungle which no one will be prepared to accept in this century, the paper concluded.

Al Jazirah said the American action has further complicated the problem. The paper urged the states of the Gulf to be more united and to strive for further

coordination among themselves to ensure peace and security in the region. The paper expressed its faith in the leadership of the Arab states of the Gulf and hoped they will remain wary of any trap that might be thrown by the enemies of the Arabs. In this way, they will be able to protect the region and serve their interests more effectively, it said.

Dealing with the Islamic education now being held in Mecca, *Al Medina* said that the inaugural speech by Mecca Governor Prince Majed has renewed the resolve to persist in constructive work in the field of Islamic education. The paper hoped that the seminar will put its resolutions into practice, so that there should be no duplicity in thinking and application. In order that the resolutions are not treated as mere ink on paper, the paper called upon the seminar to strive to find the basic obstacles blocking the way of correct application of Islamic education.



COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: "We're prepared to pay for the damage if only you won't call the police. The driver has no license, you know it!"
Al Jazirah

Malin Basil painting exhibition

A Swedish touch with Saudi sand

By Jean Grant

Any exhibit by Riyadh artist Malin Basil is an occasion. Her first major exhibit since 1977 has just opened at the Arab Heritage Gallery in Khobar.

Malin Basil's pictures portray a dream world in which the sand seems yet untrodden in the doll-like villages with their neat streets, lovely towers, and crenelated roofs. Men, women and children stand about as faceless as in dreams; but both they and their animals have sharply delineated shadows. One always knows where the sun is in Basil paintings. Sand dunes, etched with stretch marks, undu-

late like live bodies, or lie, flat and lifeless beside the highway. In one sandscape, an empty can of Shell oil sinks into the sands, perversely returning to its hydrocarbon roots.

Basil's dreamworld is both stylized and idealized, but she does not ignore details. Her fairy tale land is immediately recognizable as Saudi Arabia, yet it is an Arabia we have seen only in fantasy.

Basil, who came from her native Sweden to Riyadh in 1968, had her first show in the capital in 1972. Grieved by the awareness of social change in the Kingdom, she wanted to capture the past before it was gone. Her first

intention was to do this as a journalist, "to write articles about this fascinating country, but at that time in 1968, no one was interested."

She then decided to try her hand with paints, not in any urge to paint, but as she explained, in the necessity to capture the essence of the country. This was not Art for Art's sake but for documentary purposes. Faces count for little in her work. Her aim is not the portrayal of personality, but rather the capturing of a historic communal harmony in a fast-changing Arabia.

As a result it is not surprising that ruins, both ancient and modern, feature in her work. Perhaps her finest drawing, entitled "Ancient Graffiti," depicts the animal pictures made on polished stone by the inhabitants of Arabia centuries ago. A print, "Youth at Dir 'Iyyah Pondering the Past," reveals gaping holes in stout walls. There is no clue as to what destroyed the fortress.

Similarly, in "Ruins Outside Hall," lonely towers stand vigil beside a woman strolling away from the ancient ruins, past the more recent ones of empty oil barrels. "Along the Highway," shows abandoned bits of a pickup truck, disparate objects in juxtaposition to the eternal sands. The French romantic, Chateaubriand, thought that "all men have a secret attraction for ruins," but can modern ruins evoke the same response? It would seem, to judge by this Swedish artist's world of silent forms, that they do.

There is something overwhelmingly stark about this attractive artist's work — clusters of houses straggling off into the desert stand against their flat surroundings like paper cut-outs. The houses differ not so much in texture or color as in the verticality of the lines, in opposition to the horizontal infinities of the desert.

Through spare use of telling details Malin Basil conveys a comment about Saudi life, half-wry, half-compassionate. There is obviously no need to clutter up her paintings with garbage — one abandoned Pepsi bottle or can of Kraft cheese suffices to indict the waste of consumer society.

"Any painter," Malin Basil, who has studied both Russian and social science, told Arab News, "hesitates to put a label on what he does."

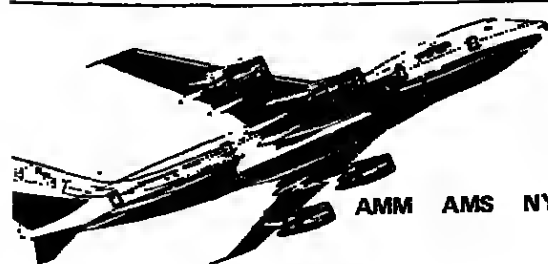
Nonetheless, she makes no secret of her admiration for Dali and Brueghel. Dali's influence can be seen in her juxtaposition of disparate objects. In "Village in the Nejd," a veiled woman sets off for the well with a pan of laundry atop her head. She clutches the familiar rainbow-colored box of Tide which stands out in disconcerting con-



RUINS OUTSIDE HALL: Ancient ruins find companionship among the more contemporary ruins of the empty oil barrels.



VILLAGE IN NEJD: Tradition blends with the contemporary as a village woman sets off for the well with laundry on her head and Tide in her hands.



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FISH MARKET: The magnetism of composition and reality blend to capture the essence of the Dubai fish market.

trast against the vast uncluttered sea of sand. The lamp post for Malin Basil functions the way melting watches do for Dali. Most of her lamps shine optimistically in the night, but that the meeting of Eastern needs with Western technology is not always painless can be seen in a single crumpled cylinder of aluminum, the victim of an auto smash-up.

"Women's Day at the Zoo," on the other hand, betrays the influence of Brueghel. In the Flemish master's "Flight of Icarus," no one pays any attention to the boy's fall from the sky-dogs go on with their doggy life, ships pass by, farmers labor on. A similar indifference to a focal event marks Basil's painting. In the warm shimmering light, brightly dressed women hawk clothes, jewellery, and food. The animals are virtually incidental to the picture. Off in the extreme right hand corner, they are caged behind walls with barbed wire on top. Their captivity contrasts with the insouciance and freedom of the women as they go about everyday activity.

The old masters' concern for the daily is evidenced in "Little Girl Doing Homework." A child of about 10 sits on a



POINTILLISM: A box of Tide and crate of Pepsi suggest the girl's fate as powerfully as the school satchel beside her.

flight of steps learning her lessons. On a chain around her neck is a faddish razor blade — token of modern tastes in the souk or ominous symbolism? Above the child, a line of laundry is strung out to dry. A box of Tide and crate of Pepsi at her feet suggest her fate as powerfully as the satchel beside her.

Basil uses a pointillist technique in her drawings. Each sketch which requires a couple of days of full-time work, has hundreds, even thousands of dots. Basil enjoys the method since unexpected patterns emerge, seemingly of their own accord. First she does a pencil sketch to fix the main directional lines, rhythm and light source. Perspective is important to her. "I want to get the feeling I'm walking into the picture. The feeling of depth is very important."

One of Basil's most interesting paintings is the recently completed "Fish Market." The slipperiness of the fish is almost tangible as they lie in heaps about the Dubai fish market, glittering like slimy silver in the sunlight. Basil's fascination for detail never overcomes her compositional sense. The sense of direction draws the viewer's eye like a magnet as it scans a way around the piles of dead fish in



WOMEN'S DAY AT THE ZOO: Women attend a market in the area of the zoo.



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Kennedy nips Carter in Michigan ballot

DETROIT, April 27 (R) — President Jimmy Carter suffered no immediate political damage from the failed hostage rescue mission in Iran, running challenger Edward Kennedy almost to a dead-heat in Michigan's presidential caucuses.

Before the rescue attempt, Carter campaign officials predicted the precinct caucuses Saturday would be a close race, with Kennedy just slightly ahead. That's exactly the way it turned out, notwithstanding the aborted rescue that claimed the lives of eight Americans without ever getting near the 50 hostages held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran for almost six months.

Kennedy scraped to his second narrow victory in five days, picking up 48 per cent of the vote and 71 of the 141 Michigan delegates to

the national Democratic convention which chooses the next presidential nominee.

Carter gained 46.6 per cent and 70 delegates, retaining his commanding lead of nearly two to one in the delegate race. He now has 1,206 of the 1,666 delegates necessary to clinch the nomination while Kennedy has 564, according to unofficial figures.

Kennedy campaign officials said they were delighted with the victory, which gives the Massachusetts senator much needed momentum after his close win in the Pennsylvania primary last Tuesday.

But privately they were disappointed as they expected Kennedy to win comfortably in a state experiencing a severe economic slump with a depression in the car industry and some 100,000 autoworkers laid off. Joe Suran, a Kennedy campaign official, said the failure of the hostage rescue apparently made no difference.

"I don't think it has sunk in yet. I think the political fall-out is still to come," he said. Carter campaign officials agreed that the setback in Iran had no significant effect on the caucuses.

"I don't think people have really sorted out yet how they feel about it," said Carter campaign staffer Bernice Schroeder.

Carter campaigners conceded there could still be a political impact for the president in the weeks ahead.

The vote in party caucuses in Texas on May 3 and primaries in North Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana, and Washington, D.C., on May 6 is sure to be much closer to a referendum on Carter's handling of the hostage crisis. The Michigan caucuses were hardly a cross section of the big Midwest industrial state, with just over 16,000 votes cast in 19 precinct elections.

This represented less than half the 40,600 Democrats who enrolled for the caucuses in a state which has some five million eligible voters. About 700,000 Democrats voted in 1976 when Michigan held a primary election narrowly won by Carter. Local party officials were appalled at the apparent apathy of Democratic voters at a time when Michigan was in the worst economic shape in years.

Kennedy picked up heavy support from the autoworkers, who blame Carter for the credit squeeze and high interest rates that have precipitated a recession fast becoming as bad as 1974-75. The nation's big three autoworkers have laid off more than 200,000 workers as sales plummeted in the last few months.

Armenians clash with police at New York rally

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP) — Five persons were arrested and three police officers suffered minor injuries when some 1,000 Armenian demonstrators clashed with police near the Turkish mission to the United Nations, police said.

The scuffle erupted Saturday when police blocked the crowd from moving its demonstration from Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza at the United Nations to the Turkish mission a block away.

Earlier, about 3,000 Armenians marched up New York's Sixth Avenue to Central Park for a peaceful rally to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the 1915 Turkish massacre when Armenians claim thousands of their kin were killed.

Participants came from the states of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Demonstrators went to the United Nations area on Manhattan's east side, where some burned Turkish flags, threw eggs and pelted and shoved in attempts to cross police barriers. Police reacted by hitting some over the head and shoulders with nightsticks.

Harry Derderian, chairman of the Armenian National Committee, said one demonstrator required hospital treatment for minor injuries.



MAIL BOAT STAMPS: The Gambia postal authority will issue May 6 this set of postage stamps depicting mail boats that plied the Gambia River in the early 1900's. Their issue coincides with the opening of the London 1980 stamp exhibition, at which they will be displayed. Gambia President Sir Dawda Jawara's portrait appears in the upper right corner of the stamps.

38 killed in crash of Thai airliner; lightning blamed

BANGKOK, April 27 (AP) — Thirty-eight persons died and 12 were injured when a twin-engine Thai Airways Avro aircraft was struck by lightning in a sudden rainstorm Sunday and crashed into a rice field, an airline spokesman said.

The spokesman said one of the 51 persons aboard was still missing. An earlier report

from police had said 35 persons were killed. The airline spokesman said the British-built turboprop plane, often used on Thai domestic runs, was about 100 meters off the ground and heading for a landing at Bangkok's Don Muang Airport when the lightning hit.

The plane was making a routine passenger run from Khon Kaen in northeast Thailand

to Bangkok. The crash occurred at Klong Sam in Pathum Thani province about 30 kilometers north of Bangkok.

Ambulances and fire trucks rushed to the scene, about one kilometer from What Phaym Than Pagoda, and the injured were taken to Bhumipol Hospital on the outskirts of Bangkok, police said.

Nicaragua pro-Cuban U.S. says

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R) — Nicaragua now appears to be well on the way to becoming a pro-Cuban Marxist state, senior U.S. officials said here.

White House, State Department and Pentagon officials said in a series of recent interviews the Carter administration had lost hope that the Central American country could encourage onto a moderate Democratic course. The resignation of two moderates from the ruling revolutionary junta in past week appeared to have consolidated power of the dominant Sandinista guerrilla group whose leaders have close ties to Cuban President Fidel Castro, they said.

But a State Department official said administration was still asking Congress for 75 million in aid designed to influence Sandinistas, who ousted former President Anastasio Somoza last July.

Recent developments, including the resignations of businessman Alfonso Robelo Cerejas and publisher Violeta Bar Chamorro from the junta would make much more difficult to win aid from already reluctant Congress, the official commented.

U.S. pessimism about the course of events has been reinforced by the increased nationalization of private holdings in Nicaragua and signs that scheduled elections may never be held, officials said.

Robelo resigned from the junta last Tuesday in protest against government policy changes pushed through without consent. He accused the Sandinistas of trying to date the council of state due to start functioning next month as a legislative and executive body.

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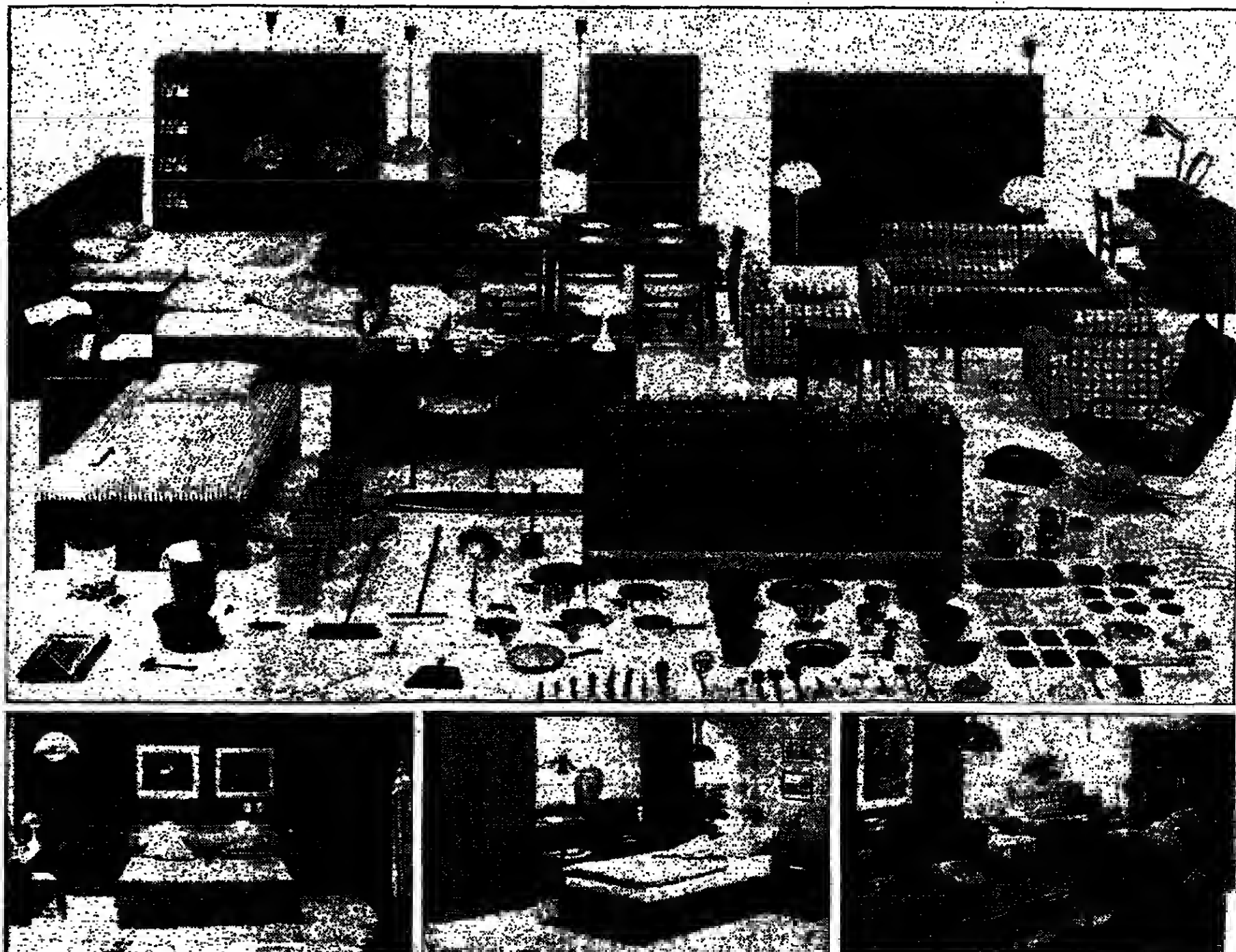
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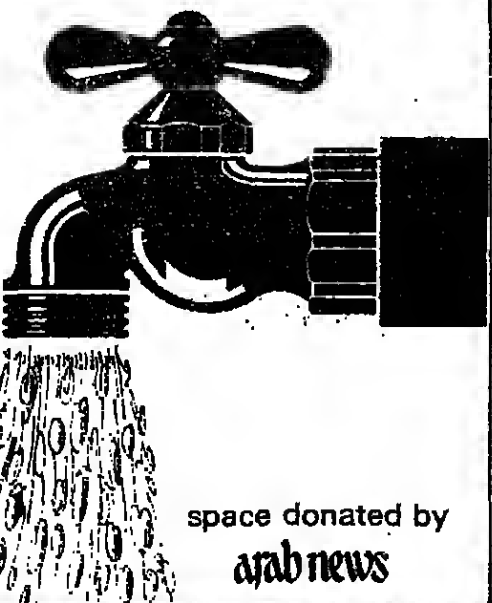
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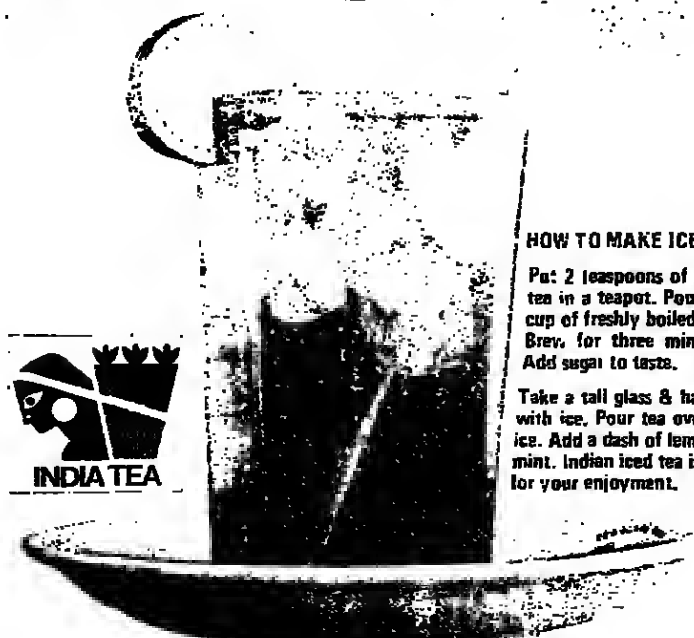
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Cuban exiles reject bid to halt flotilla

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — Cuban exiles have angrily rejected a U.S. appeal for their cooperation in stemming the flow of Cuban refugees into the United States by an illegal flotilla. About half of a group of exile leaders walked out of a meeting with U.S. officials when the two sides could not agree.

Communist Chinese to ban foreign films for kids' sake

BEIJING, April 27 (AP) — Communist China has recognized that juvenile delinquency is a serious social problem and poses to deal with it through government regulations, including the banning of foreign films.

The disclosure recently by the Xinhua news agency said a five-day forum of the Communist Youth League recommended that lessons in ethics and discipline be included among courses taught in schools and colleges, that juvenile divisions be set up in people's courts and neighborhood committees and that schools and parents organize after-school activities for children.

The report did not say how the foreign films are contributed to delinquency. It said the proposed regulations would "guarantee the healthy development of the younger generation in China."

Chinese newspapers have, in recent years, reported a spate of crimes of violence, including rape, burglary and robbery, and observers blame the situation partly

released last October after completing a 20-year term, said the group wants the flotilla operation to continue.

The estimated 20 exiles who walked out of the meeting were mostly members of the so-called Cuban Patriotic Junta. A spokesman for the group, Uva Clavijo of Miami, said officials led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher asked the exiles to help implement U.S. laws barring undocumented aliens from entering the country.

Rejecting the request, she said, "We are not policemen."

She said the exiles had come to Washing-

ton to discuss the overall problem of "repression in Cuba," not just short-term refugee issues.

"We don't want Cubans coming to the United States," Miss Clavijo said. "We don't want Cubans coming to freedom. We want freedom going to the Cubans."

Jack Watson, an assistant to U.S. President Jimmy Carter for inter-government affairs, conceded that "no headway" was made at the meeting.

More than 2,500 Cubans have come to the United States illegally since President Fidel Castro decided a week ago to permit the departure of just about any Cuban who wanted to leave.

The arrivals of the Cubans aboard Florida-based rescue boats have created massive law enforcement problems for the Carter administration and spirited attacks against Castro by U.S. officials.

Meanwhile, tragedy stalked the flotilla as strong winds and high waves buffeted hundreds of boats scattered across the 144-kilometer stretch of open sea between the Florida coast and Key West.

Radin Havana, meanwhile, reported that after the nearly 1,000 boats waiting at the port of Mariel had left the Caribbean island nation, the Cuban government would permit an airlift to allow others to leave.

U.S. Coast Guard personnel here, some summoned from as far away as the state of Virginia, worked 24-hour shifts to keep track of the estimated 1,000 boats on their way in the port of Mariel on Cuba's north coast or headed back to the United States with refugees.

Key West Port director Francisco Veliz said 2,500 boats have left since Wednesday, with perhaps 500 setting out Friday despite warnings of bad weather.

Most of the larger boats available in the Florida Keys were rented or bought early in the week, leaving latecomers with no choice but to pay entrepreneurs \$5,000 to \$15,000 for smaller craft, some barely 4.8 meters long.

Some boat owners making the trip to Cuba were charging \$1,000 or more per person as many other boats were skipped by Cuban exiles going to Cuba to bring back relatives and friends.

Authorities said many of the boats leaving Friday and Saturday had no radios and were not designed to withstand heavy weather.

"We're going to lose some of them," predicted Coast Guard Lieutenant Roland Isnor. "Seas are 1.5-2.5 meters and winds are 15 to 17 knots. It's going to get worse tomorrow (Sunday). I'm afraid there's going to be a calamity."

Isnor said it would be possible to use smaller boats to cross the rough Gulf Stream, coursing through the Straits of Florida, "if the captains are good seamen."

Isnor said the barrage of distress calls the Coast Guard was receiving was a bad omen. "Many of these people have no idea where they're at or how to get there. Some of them are going around in circles. Some are headed north, some are headed west."



NIXON INTERVIEWED: Former U.S. President Richard Nixon waves to photographers after he was interviewed by newsmen Uvan Leval on French radio. Nixon was in Paris promoting his new book, *The Real War*.

U.S. prosecutes latter-day Attilas

Hell's Angel vows law won't wipe out gang

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 (AP) — Ralph "Sonny" Barger, main target of a U.S. government push to wipe out the notorious Hell's Angels motorcycle gang, sat restlessly in his orange jailhouse and spilled out his bitterness.

No way, he scoffed, is the government going to do that. The Hell's Angels will live on — even if "they put me away for years."

Barger's reputation is that of a latter-day Attila the Hun, and he and his motorcycle-mounted horde both terrified and entranced Americans when they emerged on the darkest side of the counter-culture of the 1960's. The Angels were depicted in a string of films as muscular, often tubby louts with insatiable appetites for drugs, alcohol and chain-smoking, head-crushing violence.

The club has hundreds of members in chapters across the country and overseas, but the main unit is — and has been almost from its beginnings — Barger's Oakland chapter.

"They're not going to destroy the Hell's Angels with this trial," the 41-year-old Barger swore in a recent jail interview. "They said the last time if they could put me away they would destroy the club. They put me away for six years and when I got out, the club was at least five times bigger than when I went in."

Barger cursed Federal Court Judge Samuel Cooti, the prosecutors and the law that snatched him and his friends off the streets and dumped them into a courtroom where 2.5-meter-high plexiglass partitions separate the spectators from the 18 Angels and their alleged associates who are in the seventh month of one of the largest felony prosecutions in federal court history. They are charged with various violations of drug, racketeering and conspiracy provisions of the racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations law, designed to smash organized crime.

The defendants are accused of making and distributing various drugs and promoting the Hell's Angels' "Enterprise" with guns, bombs, murder, bribery and intimidation.

If found guilty on all counts, the defendants could collectively draw up to 600 years in prison. Barger, charged with two counts of conspiracy and racketeering, faces 40 years.

Besides the 18 angels now on trial for the alleged commission of 64 overt acts, and six others set for a later trial, the grand jury indictment also names the entire club.

The government claims the club is "a criminal enterprise" which requires its members to distribute drugs of specified quality and

quantity in northern California.

Much of the government's case involves charges of manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine, a powerful stimulant known as "speed."

The prosecution, which took 24 weeks to recite a litany of alleged drug manufacture and dealing, assorted violence including murder, bombs and other anti-social behavior, rested its case the last week of March. The defense presentation may take several months.

As the defense began, the accused sat alert, neatly dressed, watchful and well-mannered — hardly the greasy leather image of the gang.

The courtroom is a fascinating mob scene. Angels from out of town chapters, including one from Germany, have visited as spectators, and marshals say they fear some might try to liberate their buddies.

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The defense denies government claims that the Hell's Angels require members to sell drugs, but claims that the Hell's Angels is a "social club."

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Europe leaders debate move to free hostages

LUXEMBOURG, April 27 (R) — President Carter's failure to inform his European allies about the aborted hostage rescue in Iran was to be debated Sunday by European community leaders — but only after they had attempted to solve their own simmering economic disputes.

The nine Common Market heads of government are in Luxembourg for a summit meeting originally organized to settle a long-standing quarrel about Britain's contribution to the community budget.

Latest developments in Iran, particularly Friday's failed mission to rescue U.S. hostages, have put further pressure on community leaders to patch up their differences and concentrate on the extent to which they can support President Carter.

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ENERGY HEARINGS: CIA Director Stansfield Turner, left, shows Sen. Henry Jackson, chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy, and Sen. Pete Domenici, right, the main areas of the Middle East where the Soviet Union might attempt forcefully or covertly to secure oil reserves. Turner testified Tuesday before the Energy Committee in Washington.

Greece bids for EEC entry

ATHENS, April 27 (AFP) — Greece is to reduce its customs duties on goods from members of the Common Market by 10 per cent as it may win membership, official sources said in Athens.

Import duties imposed by the EEC on each other's goods will gradually be abolished beginning January 1, the date of Greek accession to the Common Market.

Meanwhile, Australian minister of trade and natural resources, Doug Anthony, said that in the year 2000, the European Common Market will import nearly 100 million tons of Australian coal. He met in Canberra with EEC Vice-President Wilhelm Haferkamp, and both officials expressed satisfaction on the future of EEC-Australian cooperation.

At a time when EEC agricultural policy and prices are a major focus of attention, the

EEC commission has revealed that West Germans hold the EEC record for per capita pork consumption with 55.7 kilograms per person in 1978, against their average of 47.6 kg in 1973. The Danes came in second in the EEC pork derby in 1978 with 45.7 kg, followed by Belgium and Luxembourg with 39.1 kg each.

EEC statistics issued last Wednesday show that the number of Common Market unemployed workers dropped by 3.4 per cent in March from the February level. However, the March jobless figure of 6.3 million, 5.8 per cent of the work force, was 2 per cent higher than the level observed in March 1979.

Unemployment in March, compared with February, was down 11.7 per cent in West Germany, 7.4 per cent in the Netherlands, and 5.4 per cent in Denmark.

cost price to the poor.

But the existence of these subsidized food-stuffs has created a class of food speculators who use bribes and employ people to queue for cheap food from the cooperatives.

Supplies are much better than a few years ago, partly because the government has opened up the economy, but this has also meant Egypt has been exposed to some of the ills of a liberal economy — and notably inflation.

Imports are increasing at the rate of 6 per cent a year, while exports are growing by only 1 per cent.

Inflation Egypt's main worry

CAIRO, April 27 (AFP) — Inflation, rather than the problems of the peace talks with Israel now is the main concern of most Egyptians who saw the cost of living rise 22 per cent up to March.

In a country where an ordinary government official or policeman earns about \$23 a month, a young university lecturer \$60 and an experienced white-collar worker less than \$150, the smallest price increase is painfully felt.

But prices go up almost daily, and this uncertainty is a major preoccupation for most Egyptians.

Official figures indicate that the cost of living rose by 10 per cent in the first three months of this year alone.

While a year ago a factory worker had to work for two days to buy a kilo of subsidized meat from a cooperative, today he must work for nearly three days.

Eggs are almost as expensive as in Western Europe, while the lower wage earner must work for nearly three hours to buy a packet of local cigarettes.

In the space of a few months, the price of non-alcoholic drinks nearly has doubled; fruit and vegetables have gone up by between 50 and 100 per cent, and top-grade gasoline by 60 per cent.

The problem facing many families is how to make ends meet, for six people, for example, when the father earns \$30 a month in a factory.

One mother wrestling with such an apparently insoluble problem explained: "My husband gives me two pounds (\$3) a week, adding that out of this she pays 1.75 pounds a month in rent for a room in a municipal housing project on the city outskirts.

By buying 15 loaves of bread each day and boiling a vegetable with a bone, she manages to feed her family.

She explained, "Living like this, we can't send the children to school as it costs 1.50 pounds (\$2.25) each year in school fees."

Only essential foods have been spared from price rises, and the government continues to pour millions of pounds into subsidies for bread, rice, sugar, oil, flour and imported Australian meat sold at a quarter of

Iran gives Japan firms one week to reconsider

TOKYO, April 27 (R) — Iran has threatened to cancel long-term oil export contracts with Japanese importers unless they accept an Iranian demand for higher crude prices within a week, the Japanese news agency Kyodo said Sunday.

Kyodo, quoting informed sources here, said the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) told Idemitsu Kosan Kaisha, a Japanese oil firm, at price negotiations in Tehran Saturday, that it would grant a one-week period of grace to Japanese importers before canceling the contracts.

The Iranian company also has said it would serve the same notice to 11 other Japanese importers, which earlier had ended negotiations with the NIOC without any breakthrough on the price issue, Kyodo said.

Iran had been supplying Japan with 520,000 barrels of crude a day 10 per cent of its oil needs until the company suspended oil shipments, because Japanese importers refused to pay the increase to \$35 a barrel.

However, Iran stopped short of scrapping the contracts.

Four trading companies now have contracts covering a period from 1st January to next September.

Contracts between NIOC and eight other Japanese oil companies and trading houses only run until the end of this year.

The Japanese refusal to pay higher prices has been widely interpreted as a gesture of support for the United States in the hostage dilemma.

The Japanese news agency quoted informed sources as saying Iran had told negotiators from Idemitsu Kosan it already had sold to other countries a third of the crude which Japan would have received last week.

Iran has increased daily crude shipments to Romania from 40,000 barrels to 100,000 barrels, the sources said. The two countries Wednesday announced a bilateral oil agreement.

Plastic has role in saving energy

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R) — Plastics and other synthetic materials, often symbols of a throwaway society, play an important role in saving energy, an independent research organization has said.

The Worldwatch Institute said plastics are widely used for home insulation, solar power equipment and as energy saving substitutes for natural materials in clothing, metals for cars and wood products.

But the report criticized the wasteful use of plastics, especially in food packaging.

"Surely it would not require a social revolution to do away with the polyethylene pouches in which many frozen vegetables are now cooked or the polystyrene boxes in which some fast-food restaurants sell individual hamburgers," it said.

"The U.S. tendency to overpackage many products is spreading to Europe, Japan and even the Third World." Some 10 million tons of plastics are used for packaging yearly, but little of it is necessary, the institute said.

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Municipality of Jubail	Illumination of town streets		300	May 18
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Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	97.75
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.23	4.40
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Jordanian Dinar		11.00	10.98
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.80	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)		90.90	90.90
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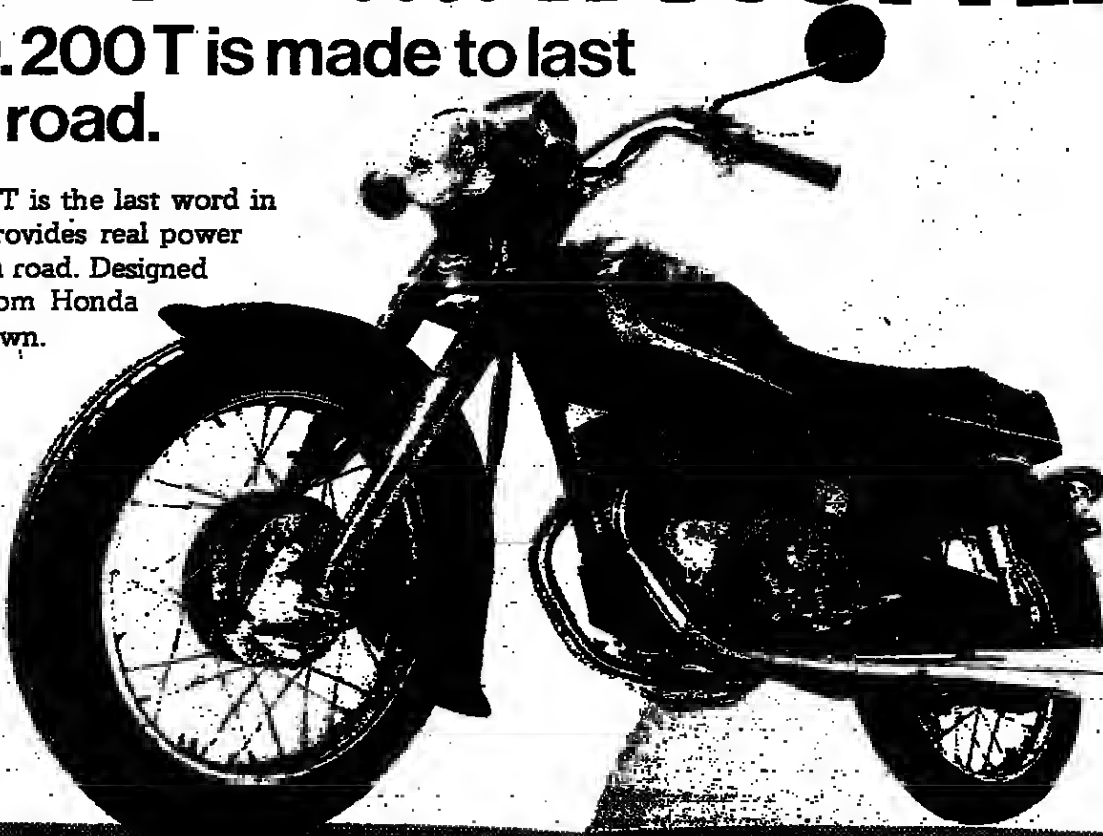
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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8 4 2
♥ Q 9 7
♦ —
♣ A 10 6 4 2

EAST
♠ A 10 9 6 3
♥ 4
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 8 3
♥ J 8 7 6 3 2
♦ 7

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ 1♣ 2♥
2♣ 3♥ 4♥ 5♥
Pass Pass Dble Pass
Pass Redble

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The good players play well, but they don't play perfectly. Bridge is too tough a game for anyone to play without occasionally making mistakes, and the top experts are judged largely by their infrequency of error.

This hand was played in New York in a match between Great Britain and the United States in 1955. I was kibitzing the British star Terence Reese (North) when the bidding shown unfolded. It seemed to me at the time that the redouble was unusually bold. I would have passed five hearts doubled with the North hand,

but the end result proved me wrong.

The American West led the king of clubs. Declarer (Boris Schapiro) won with the ace and played the king of spades, which was covered by the ace and ruffed. Schapiro now made eleven tricks easily, since he was able to ruff three diamonds in dummy and discard one on the queen of spades. He lost two diamond tricks at the end, but made five hearts redoubled for a score of 1,250 points.

The outcome would have been different if West had chosen a trump as his opening lead. In that case Schapiro would have gone down one and the American team would have been 1,550 points better off!

At the second table, with an American pair now sitting North-South, the bidding went:

West North East South
Pass 1♣ 1♣ 2♥
Pass 3♥ 3♥ 4♥
Pass 5♥ Pass 5♥

At this table, also, the opening lead was a club, and again South had no trouble garnering eleven tricks. But the American pair, not having been doubled, scored only 730 points, and the result was that Great Britain gained 500 points on the deal.

A good case can be made for a trump lead by West at either table, but the fact remains that neither West came up with the killing lead.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Stress affection in dealing with others. Forget about minor differences in opinion. Creative inspiration at a peak.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Hard work done now results in financial gains later. Avoid afternoon touchiness with co-workers. Get sufficient rest later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A different perspective affects your romantic dealings with others. Enjoy togetherness but watch a tendency towards a roving eye.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Trust intuition in work endeavors. You work best now when inspired. You'll make headway on a domestic project. Avoid P.M. disputes.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Seek markets for creative work. Local visits prove romantic. Social life swings, if you stay clear of ideological disputes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Sociability aids career dealings and financial prospects. Don't be so picky in a talk about money matters with a close one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Intuition is high and should be used in creative endeavor. Charm and sociability aid you in dealings with others. But don't be superficial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You'll make progress from behind-the-scenes. Keeping ideas to yourself helps them develop. Watch P.M. edginess or tiredness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A friendship reaches turning point. The accent is social life, but know when it's time to leave the party. Watch disputes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Career decisions now show work to your advantage. Know when enough is enough. Don't press so hard that become overbearing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You'll enjoy a concert; get-together with friends educational meeting; lead to a romantic introduction. Don't argue.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You make a change in investment structure. Business progress, if you insist on ironing out detail at present.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Back talk
5 Anguries
19 Arboretum item
11 Erase
13 Austen novel
14 Obsessed
15 One kind of music
16 Throw
17 Age
18 Hit the sack
20 Tease
21 Cuff
22 Vox populi sampling
23 Popular street name
25 Bequest getter
26 Wings: Lat. in law
28 Women's org.
29 Imprison
32 Doctors' org.
33 — out (clothe)
34 Beak
36 Specialty; forte
38 City in Judah
39 Brought forth
40 Valley
41 Apart from

DOWN

2 Early battle gear
3 U.S. Coast Guard motto
4 At — (bewildered)
5 Less common
6 Put together
7 Man's name
8 Mercouri film
9 Aseptic
12 Empower
14 Pitch —

Saturday's Answer

19 Yarn
22 Versifier
23 Bovary's title
24 Calif. city
25 Anesthetize
28 Stallion
30 Swarm
31 Don
32 Murray
33 film role
35 Caused to b
37 Here: Fr.
38 Recipe word

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
B L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, and format of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

OWGAA BGUCT ANNACOPUHI
OE WUXPCANN PC OWPE
HPYA UGA NESAWPCB O
TE, NESAWPCB OE HED
UCT NESAWPCB OE WEX
YEG — QENAXW UTTPNB
Saturday's Cryptquote: IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME HOW
TALENTS AND EMINENCE CAN BE FORGOTTEN IN THE
CARELESS WORLD. — H.L. MENCKEN

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DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show

5:40 The Dimples
6:05 Sierra
6:45 Hennessey
7:00 The Incredible Hulk
7:30 One Day at a Time
8:25 It Takes a Thief
9:10 The Professionals

VOA

8:00 News Roundup
8:05 Special English: Opinion: Analysis
8:30 Dialect
9:00 News Summary
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9:30 Music USA: (Standard)
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2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gens of Guidance
2:10 Champions of Solidarity
2:20 On Islam
2:30 His in Germany
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Arabic Song
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:50 Closesdown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gens of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Arabic Highlights
9:45 Pioneers of Knowledge
10:00 A Viewpoint
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Drama Land
11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
11:15 In Concert
11:45 On Islam
12:30 Music
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Closesdown

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
8:30 News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsday
9:30 Open Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tooty Moot

Evening Transmission

1:15 Letter to Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Medical Codes
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newsworld
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
4:30 The Planner's Years
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newsworld
6:25 Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writings

8:30 Talk One

8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newsworld
9:30 Farming World
10:00 Outlook: News Summary
10:19 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12:15 Talkback
12:45 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
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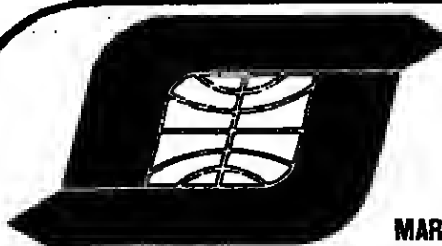
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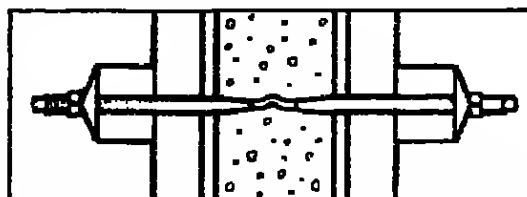
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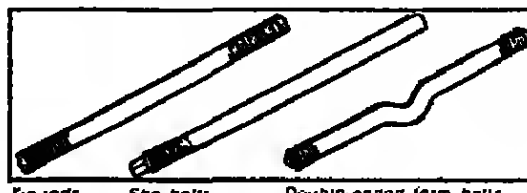
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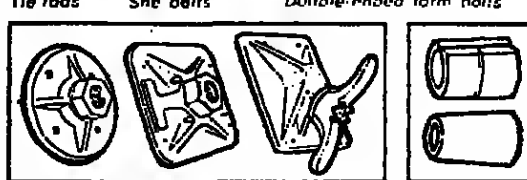
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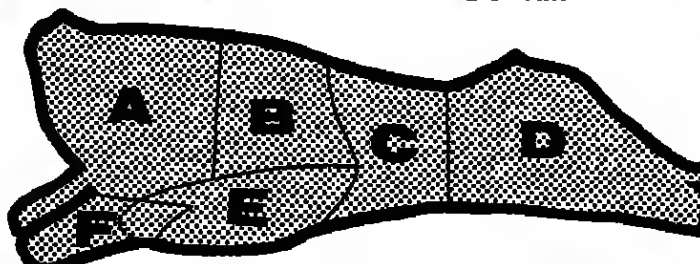
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Leftists, hostages fly to Havana

Dominican embassy impasse broken

BOGOTA, April 27 (AP) — A Cuban airliner took off Sunday morning for Havana with 12 hostage diplomats and some 16 guerrilla captors, ending a 61-day siege of the Dominican Republic's embassy, a foreign ministry official said.

The official, who accompanied the group aboard the plane, said four other diplomats were freed here. He identified them as Venezuelan Ambassador Virgilio Lovera, Dominican Republic Ambassador Diogenes Mallo, Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Barkok, and Egyptian Ambassador Salah Allouba.

The Cuban airlines Soviet-built Ilyushin jet departed at 8:20 a.m. local time about 90 minutes after the guerrillas left the embassy with their hostages in two Red Cross buses.

The flight was expected to arrive in Havana just after noon Cuban time, a radio correspondent in Havana's Jose Mari Airport told the station "Caracol" by telephone.

There were no details immediately available on the pact between the Colombian government and the guerrillas to end the siege. Negotiations advanced considerably Friday and Saturday with a flurry of meetings between guerrilla and government negotiators and with intense mediation by members of the Organization of American States Human Rights Commission. An agreement was reached late Saturday.

Those freed were taken from the plane and driven in a speeding bus across the air field. It was impossible to see how many were aboard

the bus because its windows had been painted over.

Radio Caracol, a usually reliable privately owned radio station, said 16 guerrillas, five diplomats, a Red Cross official and the Cuban ambassador to Colombia left on the flight for Havana.

Sixteen 16 diplomats were still being held hostage before the agreement with the government for their release was worked out. As part of the agreement, according to reports, the other 11 diplomats were to have been freed before the jet left Bogota for Cuba.

Flight time was estimated to be three hours but it was not known whether the plane would make a direct flight.

Cuban Ambassador Fernando Ravelo had said he would accompany the guerrillas to Havana and that the guerrillas were taking with them: U.S. Ambassador Diego Ascencio, Papal Nuncio Angelo Acerbi, Mexican Ambassador Ricardo Galan, Venezuelan Ambassador Virgilio Lovera, and Brazilian Ambassador Geraldo Do Nascimento. The five were expected to be released in Havana.

Radio Caracol said there were five hostages aboard the flight to Havana and identified them as Ascencio, the Papal nuncio, Galan, Do Nascimento and Swiss Ambassador Jean Bourgeois. It made no mention of the Venezuelan ambassador.

Luis Antonio Valencia, one of two Colombians who voluntarily remained in the embassy after an offer of freedom by the

guerrillas, told newsmen at the airport that five ambassadors accompanied the guerrillas to Havana, but did not say who they were.

Valencia and the other Colombian were released during the embassy exodus.

The red-and-white Cubana Airlines plane arrived at the military section of the airport about 30 minutes before the guerrillas and their captives left the embassy in two buses, then was refueled before taxiing to the end of the principal runway at the most distant point from the terminal. Red Cross ambulances followed the buses along the 11-kilometer trip to the airport.

Two pale blue Red Cross buses carrying the hostages and their captors, led by a white Red Cross ambulance, were escorted from the embassy to the airport and then to the plane by an army jeep and a yellow airport fire truck. The hostages slowly filed onto the plane whose engines remained running, a local radio station said.

The group departed the embassy at about 6:50 a.m. and arrived at the plane 20 minutes later.

Comandante Uoo, identified as the guerrilla leader and said to be Rosenberg Pabon, a 32-year-old former school teacher, raised his hand with a victory sign as the bus pulled out of the embassy compound.

The airport delay occurred as foreign ministry negotiators, O.A.S. and Red Cross officials held their last meeting with guerrillas on the plane and airport mechanics checked

the aircraft.

After the plane took off, a number of the former hostages and the officials boarded the blue Red Cross buses and went briefly to an air force building off the runway before proceeding back to the city. The buses returned to the embassy and a number of the hostages entered, apparently to collect their belongings.

The group departed the embassy under supervision of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission of the Organization of American States, which mediated the dispute between the guerrillas and the government.

The Colombian government apparently reached agreement Saturday with the 15 to 20 guerrillas, who took the building over during a diplomatic reception Feb. 27.

Details of the settlement were not immediately known, but the guerrillas apparently ended the siege without gaining the release of jailed comrades, as they had originally demanded. They were reported, however, to have two international guarantees governing the conduct of political trials and other assurances their rights would be protected.

Hundreds of persons crowded onto the airport observation deck to witness the end of the drama.

Later, Radio Caracol said the ambassadors of Egypt and the Dominican Republic entered a military hospital.

Tito's health unchanged, doctors report

BELGRADE, April 27 (Agencies) — President Josip Broz Tito remains in an "exceptionally grave" state of health, his doctors said Sunday, adding there were "no essential changes" overnight in his condition.

In its tersest bulletin for several days, the team of eight doctors treating Tito in the Ljubljana Clinical Center in northwestern Yugoslavia gave no further details.

On Saturday, they had disclosed that Tito's heart was getting weaker, and that he had developed complicated digestive problems. Tito's two most serious ailments are internal bleeding and damage to his liver, accompanied by jaundice. He is also in a coma and shock.

His other illnesses include kidney failure — being treated by use of an artificial kidney machine — pneumonia and high fever. Sunday's advisory indicated that the 87-year-old president was still in critical condition. Since his critical state was disclosed Wednesday, the daily bulletins have said his condition is without significant change.

Doctors outside the case are baffled how Tito's medical team have managed to keep him alive so long. "I think this type of terse bulletin is all we're going to hear now," one Western physician said. "There's nothing much else that could go wrong with him."

Sunday's bulletin said, without elaboration: "The condition of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito continues to be exceptionally grave."

"There are no essential changes compared with yesterday. Intensive treatment continues."

Last week the doctors reported a sharp deterioration in the condition of the president, who fell seriously ill in early January. His left leg was amputated on Jan. 20, and his state was described critical in mid-February.

Tito appeared close to death on Monday and Tuesday of last week, suffering from coma and shock.

Medical sources said that the digestive problem reported Saturday involved a slight increase in internal bleeding, including the intestines. Tito's doctors are using a variety of life support systems, such as a heart pacemaker, a dialysis machine to take over the kidney functions, an oxygen generator to aid breathing, and intravenous feeding.

Russian scientists study ESP

MOSCOW, April 27 (AP) — The audience in the hot Moscow auditorium sat hushed as the retired engineer passed his hands over a young woman without touching her. She had high blood pressure, he said... feared flying... had problems with her thyroid gland... indigestion.

Vladimir Safonov proved wrong on the first two counts, but right on the other two. The successes were enough to send Muscovites stampeding to the stage at the end of the session to get diagnoses of their ills or those of relatives in photographs they held up.

This was no clandestine seance of faith healers or underground meeting of parapsychologists. The event was an officially sanctioned public lecture, and Safonov was introduced by a respected psychologist, philosopher and corresponding member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Alexander Spirkin.

Spirkin is one of the Soviet Union's leading researchers into "biological force fields," and Safonov, 64, who claims to have diagnosed and even healed diseases for 20 years through extrasensory perception, is one of his prime subjects.

In a country where religion is actively debunked as "unobjective and unscientific," official sanction of experiments "at the threshold of the unknown," as the Soviets headlined one report, at first seems strange.

Spirkin, however, indicated recently that his experiments could provide the ultimate refutation of religion — by supplying a firm, scientific explanation for miracles, faith healing and other mysteries.

"Continued solutions to 'psychobiophysical' riddles will make it possible to explain several as-yet inexplicable events in the history of religion," he said in an interview with the newspaper *Trud*.

"As is already known, it is not 'holy water' that heals, but water that has been irradiated by biological force fields. A similar effect can come from certain plots of land, on which churches are built. There's nothing supernatural about it."

The Soviet study of biological force fields dates back to 1965, when the A.S. Popov Scientific-Technical Society of Radiotechnology, Electronics and Communications was formed.

According to Spirkin, the Moscow laboratory has 300 employees, including engineers, physicians, physicists, biophysicists, psychologists, physiologists, geologists, crystallographers, philosophers and biologists.

The basic theory is that each living organism, even each part of a living organism, generates a biological force field that, among other things, reflects the organism's condition.

A recent Tass dispatch about Safonov said his purported ability to diagnose and even heal people stemmed from his ability to "hook" his bioenergy to theirs.

He said that treatment takes place owing to the transfer of his bioenergy to the patient. Tass said, Safonov can heal himself, the agency said, by "transferring" bioenergy to the ailing portion of his body.

"There is nothing supernatural in my experiments," Safonov was quoted as saying by Tass.

Tass, the official news agency of the Soviet government, expressed no skepticism about Safonov, talking rather at length about his "amazing gifts" and marveling at his achievements.

Spirkin believes that harnessing of bioenergy could have uses far beyond healing.

Plants also signal their state of being with the help of biological force fields, he was quoted as saying by *Trud*. "If for example a person radiating bioenergy through his fingers acts on bean seeds, they will start growing much faster than those that are not irradiated."

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Do stop munching, and please put that coffee down. It's not every day you are addressed by a television personality.

"A what?" you may well ask. But have, at long last, made it. You are unlikely to see it, but soon millions of viewers here will have the intellectual and visual thrill of having me address them for the whole of — well, it was three minutes actually, but it's a start. Soon the Walter Cronkite of the Arab world will be born. Soon the Pen will be exchanged for the Mike and the Camera. (OK, SWEETIE as we tend to shrill in the trade, TAKE FIVE.)

Actually, I have made it a habit of evening television engagements (there is a lot of pundits on Arab affairs here) because I'm by conviction a newspaper man, and fear the oye-eyed monster as a mortal foe. And I have appeared on television before, though admittedly never in a studio, but "in the field" as it were, in my role as a correspondent in Syria and Lebanon. (Usually I was the one in the background, peering cautiously at the camera, the breaking into a huge grin. The medium indeed the message I always thought, but the message is silly.)

In any case, the phone rang and the producer was on the line. "Do come as we tell us all about it," he said. "I have a bad cold," I said.

"But your voice sounds fine," he said. "But I am taking my wife to the theater this evening," I said. "We'll release before then, and will take you there by car." And I was caught.

On arrival, I was hustled to the make-up department. I tried to resist. "No, go." My face was smeared with a white lotion and then the girl started applying all kinds of chemicals to it. My hair was mussed and remussed, with the hairdressers standing around thoughtfully going "H'm." I was near despair and then a voice, half-remembered, trailed beside me right in the next chair, I looked. And it was the lovely Matilde Wood, a favorite of mine since *West Side Story* and *Sex and the Single Girl*. We looked at each other, both adoring and adored with hair standing on end and face smeared white. I smiled and she turned away, perhaps in terror.

The interview itself was quite short. I remember being told I did quite well. For some reason everyone, the men included, kept calling me Darling.

Quite worrying, really.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat

Japanese team scrubs assault on Nepal peak

KATMANDU, April 27 (AP) — A Japanese expedition trying to climb Mount Kanguru in midwest Nepal has abandoned its attempt on the 6,981-meter high peak because of "inadequate equipment" and bad weather, base camp reported Sunday.

Prior to their decision to abandon the expedition, the climbers had established their third high altitude camp April 16 at an elevation of 6,550 meters.

The unsuccessful 10-member team was led by Shozo Kikuchi, 35, of Hiroaki, Aomori.

Meanwhile, another Japanese team also failed to achieve its goal to conquer 6,959-meter-high Number Himal Everest region.

Led by Senkichi Kittaoka, 60, of Kamiyagi prefecture (state), the mountaineers had climbed to a height of 6,595 meters. As the attack party could "not find a safe route" to go to the top from the team had to abandon the expedition, according to a message received here Sunday.



DANGEROUS STRUCTURE

In the interests of safety members of the public are prohibited from entering this pier.

Pier endangered

Time is running out for one of Britain's greatest landmarks. The 114-year-old West Pier at Brighton is slated for demolition next spring unless a preservation society raises enough money to make repairs.

The price tag is nearly \$ 2.5 million. Recently the Brighton town council refused the group, known as the West Pier Society, an extension beyond November.

Engineers have determined the structure's supports are unsound. Signs warn of sightseers, and the entrance gates to the once-popular pleasure palace are padlocked.

Now the property of the crown, the pier was described by England's Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman as "one of the finest in the British Isles."

State factories employ most Ho Chi Minh City workers

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam, April 27 (AFP) — Just five years ago this week, when Saigon (as it was called then) fell to the victorious People's Army of Vietnam, the population numbered about three million.

Today, renamed Ho Chi Minh-Ville, the city has 3,300,000 inhabitants, of whom more than a quarter are of working age.

Most work in state-supervised factories. According to Le Quang Chan, vice-chairman of the City People's Committee, two thirds of the population live in the downtown area.

The city has 200,000 manual laborers, 170,000 artisans, 50,000 government officials, and 200,000 merchants. In addition,

about 500,000 citizens are employed in agriculture, while 360,000 are engaged either full time or part time in small trade and business. The majority of the city's work force are employed by some 400 nationalized or semi-nationalized concerns. Among the artisans, 78 per cent work in collective workshops, while more than 60 per cent of agricultural workers are still self-employed.

In the five years since independence, says Chan, 750,000 people have left the city to live in what are termed the "new economic zones."

The city's half a million Hoa, or ethnic Chinese community, have dwindled by 40,000 since independence. Most of them belong to the small trader class and live in the teeming Cholon district, where the population density is around 40,000 persons to the square kilometer.

In addition, the city still harbors some 18,000 Chinese who are nationals of Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macao — a group which has

been progressively leaving the country under the auspices of the International Red Cross Committee, Chan said. Pay scales in Ho Chi Minh City range from the average worker's salary of about 40 dong (\$20) a month to the salary of 200 dong (\$100) paid to People's Committee president Mai Chi Tho.

In the middle salary area, an average worker's or official's salary works out to about 65 dong (\$30) a month.

Rice in the state-owned stores sells at 40 sous (\$0.25) per kilo though private retailers sell it for sometimes 10 times that sum.

According to Chan, agricultural food production last year totalled 200,000 tons, including 160,000 tons of paddy (unmilled rice). The figure is double that for production in 1975, though 75,000 tons short of the state production target for 1979.

The population-growth figure has fallen from 2.8 per cent in 1975 to 1.8 per cent, Chan noted.

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